

Auburn Alumni Association, Auburn, Alabama

Association's Executive Committee meets

Alumni Vice Presidents Appointed

State Gives API Only One-Fifth Of Building Funds For Past 10 Years

"THE ALABAMA Polytechnic Institute has built five dollars worth of new buildings for every dollar the State of Alabama has appropriated for construction on the Auburn campus during the past 10 years."

API President Ralph B. Draughon, '22, revealed these figures at a meeting of the Auburn Alumni Association executive committee and vice presidents in Auburn March 8.

After citing the 5-to-1 ratio, the president pointed out:

"API constructed \$10,580,822 worth of buildings on the Auburn campus from 1946 through 1956 at a total cost to the State of Alabama of only \$2,195,000. The major part of the money—\$8,385,822—was raised through bond issues, tuition fees, auxiliary enterprises, gifts and grants.

"We have about reached our limit of raising money through bond sales," President Draughon added. "This means we must look to the state government for a larger proportion of our funds for future building."

The API president underscored the immediate building needs by citing the fact that Auburn is now using more than 400,000 square feet of temporary barrack-type buildings for teaching and research.

This is the reason API has requested \$14,059,700 for buildings on the main campus for the instructional division and \$3,589,100 for buildings for research in agricultural and veterinary sciences for the 1957-59 biennium.

In reviewing Auburn's efforts to finance its own building program, Dr. Draughon pointed out that Auburn has borrowed a total of \$5,595,000 through five different bond issues since 1948.

The president's report showed that the State of Alabama provided 24.10 per cent of the monies spent for classroom and instructional buildings in the 10-year period. Other sources of revenue included bond issues, 26.50 per cent; special veterans' tuition from the U. S. Government, 45.30 per cent; student fees, 2.35 per cent; auxiliary enterprises, 1.75 per cent.

The buildings which house auxiliary enterprises (such as dormitories, dining halls, the Auburn Union and additions to Cliff Hare Stadium) were constructed primarily with non-state funds. The State of Alabama provided 18.64 per cent of the cost of these buildings, while bond issues brought 69.29 per cent of the total.

Dr. Draughon pointed out that only one project—the Agricultural Engineering Building and related farm buildings—was financed entirely by the State of Alabama. It cost \$265,000.

Six projects were financed jointly by the college and the state. These include Forestry Building, Horticulture Laboratory, Wilmore Engineering Laboratory, Magnolia Men's Dormitories and Dining Hall, New Women's Dormitories and Dining Hall Addition, and steam heating facilities for the main campus.

New buildings erected entirely from API funds and bond issues are Biggin Hall (architecture), Thach Hall (education), Miller Hall, (pharmacy), Small Animal Clinic and the Auburn Union Building. In addition 11 smaller or temporary structures have been built without state funds.



Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, '22

THE AUBURN ALUMNI Association's executive committee named 23 new vice presidents during its annual A-Day business session in Auburn March 9.

The executive committee members and vice presidents heard dramatic evidence of Auburn's contributions to its own building program during an after-dinner address by API President Ralph B. Draughon, '22, on March 8. Dr. Draughon pointed out that the State of Alabama has contributed only one-fifth of the total funds spent for new buildings at Auburn during the past 10 years. (See story on this page for Dr. Draughon's disclosures.)

Alumni President Roy B. Sewell, '22, of Bremen, Ga., presided at the executive committee meeting. The alumni association officials discussed plans for a thorough study of the overall giving program of alumni and friends of Auburn. President Sewell appointed J. Gilmer Blackburn, '50, of Decatur, as chairman of a special sub-committee to make the study. Other committee members are Ken L. Lott, '40, Mobile, and Thomas F. Hobart, '27, former alumni president from Birmingham. The committee will make a formal report at a later meeting.

Future plans for alumni activities were outlined by Alumni Secretary Joseph B. Sarver, Jr., '37.

As in the spring of 1955, Auburn alumni in Alabama will be asked to support Auburn's 1957-59 Legislative request. For each of the next two years, API has requested a total annual appropriation of \$7,143,000. The college is also seeking \$17,648,800 for capital outlay (new buildings) for the next two years.

Coeds express thanks

A LETTER to the Auburn Alumni Association from Women's Student Government Association was read, expressing appreciation of the women students for funds donated to complete the ground-floor lounge in the Women's Cafeteria. At the time the Women's Dining Hall was enlarged in 1952, rising costs forced Auburn to postpone work on the lounge area. In 1956, the alumni executive committee voted funds to finish the walls and floors and

furnish the area. The new lounge was completed during the winter quarter of 1957. A 24-inch television set (also a gift of the Auburn Alumni Association) has been installed.

The lounge now serves as a meeting and waiting room for the 1,000 coeds who eat three meals daily in the Women's Dining Hall.

Mr. Sarver reported the purchase of a new piano for the Auburn Union Building. It will be used wherever needed in the building. Executive committee voted funds for this at its fall meeting.

Executive committee

MEMBERS of the executive committee who attended the meeting were President Sewell, Mr. Hobart, Kirby Clements, '40, Montgomery; James M. Brown, '46, Birmingham; B. H. (Buster) Stallworth, '29, Monroeville; M. H. McCarty, '27, Gadsden; Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Lott.

The new vice presidents joined the executive committee at 10:30 a.m. Saturday to hear short talks by Coach Ralph Shug Jordan, '32, and Alumni Secretary Sarver. Athletic Director Jeff Beard, '32, explained the new season ticket plan.

Following the joint meeting, the alumni officials attended a luncheon in the Union Building before going to see the A-Day football game.

Vice presidents

THE 23 new vice presidents represent Alabama Congressional districts, the faculty and other states in which large numbers of Auburn alumni live, as provided in the Auburn Alumni Association constitution.

Brief biographical sketches of the vice presidents follow:

PERRY P. PEPPER, JR., '32, chairman, athletic committee. Mr. Pepper is vice president in charge of sales for Air Engineers, Inc., of Birmingham. He has been an officer of the Jefferson County Auburn Club and is active in alumni activities.

MICHAEL R. McEVOY, '45, first district vice president. Mr. McEvoy is in public and employee relations work for Waterman Steamship Corp. of Mobile. (See ALUMNI on Page 2)



OUT-OF-STATE vice presidents of the Auburn Alumni Association chat with President Roy B. Sewell, '22, (third from left) during A Day activities in Auburn. Veeps attending the meeting from outside Alabama were J. Paul (Skeeter) Calhoun, '30, Georgia; George W. Lanier, '33, Texas; Mr. Sewell; William H. Eiland, Jr., '47, Tennessee; Mervyn H. Nabors, '26, Tennessee; and Dr. A. H. Lisenby, '21, Florida.

Alumni Association Vice Presidents Named

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He is a former city editor of the Mobile Press and is a newspaper columnist for the Mobile Register.

Mr. McEvoy studied aeronautical engineering at Auburn, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He is on the board of directors of Red Cross Child and Family Service department, Polio Foundation and Travelers Aid.

Mrs. McEvoy is the former Dorothy Lee Roberts. They have one daughter, Michele, 4.

REX SIKES, '31, second district vice president. Mr. Sikes is vice president of the Luverne Motor Co. He has been a member of the Alabama Bridge Commission and is now a member of the Alabama Educational Television Commission. Mr. Sikes is also a member of the Alabama Safety Council.

At Auburn, Mr. Sikes earned his B. S. degree in civil engineering. He is a former member of the executive committee of the Auburn Alumni Association and served as vice president from the second district in 1953. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi, Spades, ODK and Blue Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Sikes have two sons, Stanley Britt and William Rex. **W. MERRITT BURNS, JR., '28**, third district vice president. Mr. Burns is an electrical contractor in Dothan.

Mr. Burns received his B. S. degree in electrical engineering. He was an end for two years, member of the A Club, Sigma Nu and Spades. He has served on the executive committee of the Wiregrass Auburn Club.

Mrs. Burns is the former Lucy Young McEntyre. They have two daughters, Lucy and Barbara, who is now a junior at Auburn.

ALLEN RAYMOND TRAMMELL, '25, third district vice president. Mr. Trammell is a farmer and cattleman at Cross Creek Plantation, Eufaula. He is former president of the Barbour County Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Trammell graduated in agricultural science from API. He played end on the football team in 1924 and 1925 and was a member of Theta Chi and the A Club. He is a former member of the Alumni Association executive committee.

His wife is the former Annabel Dismukes. They have a son, Allen, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann T. Brown, '52, and Leita, now a senior at Auburn. **L. SEAWELL JONES, '40**, fourth district vice president. Mr. Jones is a distributor for Gulf Oil Corp. at Selma.

Mr. Jones received his B. S. degree from Auburn in agriculture. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Mrs. Jones was formerly Mary Drue Berrey. They have two daughters, Mary Drue, 13, and Emma, 8.

HUGH WILMER AGRICOLA, '16, fifth district vice president. Mr. Agricola is chairman and president of the First National Bank of Gadsden. He has been active in Gadsden civic work and has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Country Club. Mr. Agricola is a director of the State Chamber of Commerce, Bankers Fire Marine Insurance Co. and Alabama



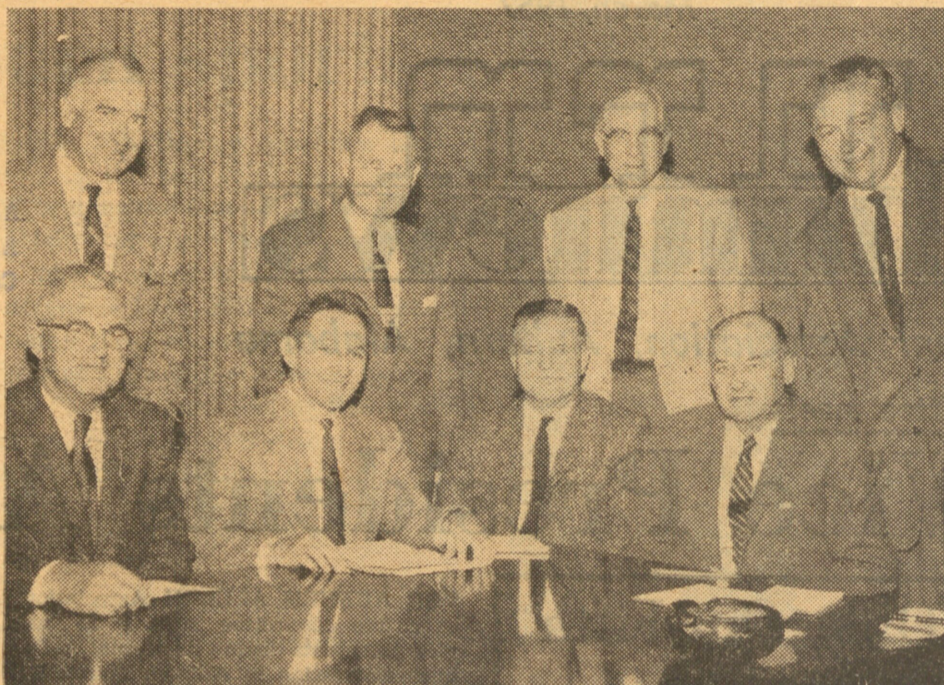
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Great Southern Railway Co.

He studied agriculture at Auburn, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Agricola has been an active member of the Gadsden Auburn Club. Mr. and Mrs. Agricola (the former Mary George Hughes) have two children, Hugh, Jr., and Joyce Parker.

EDDIE G. DOWNS, '49, sixth district vice president. Mr. Downs is cashier for Central State Bank at Calera. He is a member of the Calera City Council and chairman of the Calera Park and Recreation Board. He was president of the Calera Civitan Club in 1955.

Mr. Downs received his B. S. degree in agricultural education at Auburn. He served as president of the



AUBURN alumni vice presidents from the State of Alabama attending A Day meetings at API were (left to right, seated) Raymond Trammell, '25, third district; Michael R. McEvoy, '45, first district; W. Merritt Burns, '28, third district; Hugh W. Agricola, '16, fifth district; (standing) Dr. James E. Greene, '33, faculty; L. Seawell Jones, '40, fourth district; Dr. James A. Naftel, '26, Lee County; and T. A. (Bo) Russell, Jr., '39, ninth district.

Shelby County Auburn Club from 1954-56.

Mrs. Downs is the former Laura Rebecca Nelson. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Eleanor Ann.

SHELTON C. PINION, '39, seventh district vice president. Mr. Pinion is manager of Coalson and Pinion Lumber Co., manufacturers at Phil Campbell. He is also a cattleman. He is a past president of the Phil Campbell Lions Club and has been active in Boy Scout work in the Tennessee Valley District.

Mr. Pinion studied agricultural education at Auburn. He was president of the Executive Cabinet, member of Alpha Gamma Rho and Blue Key. Mrs. Pinion is the former Helen Coalson.

T. A. (BO) RUSSELL, JR., '39, ninth district vice president. Mr. Russell is district group manager for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Birmingham. He was named Group Man of the Year by his company in 1954. Mr. Russell is former president of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club of Birmingham and has been vice president of the Jaycees.

Before graduating from Auburn in business administration, Mr. Russell was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, ODK, Spades and A Club. He played football for three years, was All-SEC tackle in 1937 and 1938, and captained the Tigers his senior year. He has been an officer of the Jefferson County Auburn Club and a member of the Auburn Alumni Association executive committee.

Mrs. Russell is the former Ann Elizabeth Lutz. They have two daughters, Linda Ann, 14, and Patti Jean, 10.

DR. JAMES E. GREENE, '33, faculty vice president. Dr. Greene is head of the departments of clinics in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn. He is co-author of text books in "Canine Surgery" and "Canine Medicine."

After earning his DVM degree from Auburn, Dr. Greene entered private practice. He earned a master's degree in veterinary medicine in 1939. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Psi, ODK, Phi Zeta, Sigma Xi and Phi Eta Sigma. He has been chairman of the faculty committee on scholarships since 1949. Dr. Greene is a former member of the Auburn City Council and is active in civic affairs. He is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He was named faculty vice president of the alumni association in 1954.

Mrs. Greene is the former Mary McGehee, '34. They have four children, James, Jr., Bruce McGehee, Edward C., and Mary K.

DR. JAMES A. NAFTEL, '26, Lee County vice president. Dr. Naftel is manager of the plant food department of United States Borax and Chemical Corp., with headquarters at Auburn. Before joining U. S. Borax (then Pacific Coast Borax) in 1953, Dr. Naftel was professor of soils chemistry and research professor at API for 15 years. He has been president of the Kiwanis Club and Community Chest chairman.

He earned his B. S. degree in agriculture in 1926 and his master's degree in 1930. He holds a Ph. D. degree from Ohio State University. At Auburn he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Gamma Sigma Delta and Sigma Xi. He is a former member of the executive committee and vice president.

Mrs. Naftel is the former Martha Horsley Huguley. Their children are Jim, now a senior at Auburn; John, 16, and Janet, 8.

DR. AMSIE HORTON LISENBY, '21, Florida vice president. Dr. Lisenby, a physician and surgeon, owns Lisenby Hospital in Panama City, Fla. He is serving his second term as member of the Florida State Board of Medical Examiners and is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons. He has been president of Rotary, a member of the Airport Authority, Board of directors of Bay National Bank and vice president and director of Security Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Dr. Lisenby earned a B. S. degree in chemical engineering at Auburn. He was a member of Theta Chi and business manager of the Orange and Blue. He earned his M. D. degree at Tulane University.

Dr. and Mrs. Lisenby (the former Elizabeth Howard) have two daughters, Marie, 14, and Ann, 13.

J. PAUL (SKEETER) CALHOUN, '30, Georgia vice president. Mr. Calhoun is president of Consolidated Gravel and Pipe Co. of Columbus, Ga. He is a chairman of the water and sewer board of Columbus and Muscogee County for 1956-57.

Mr. Calhoun received his B. S. degree from Auburn in civil engineering. He was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity. He is a former president of the Columbus Auburn Club and served two terms on the executive committee of the Alumni Association.

Mrs. Calhoun is the former Martha Hunt. They have three children, Paul, now a junior at Auburn; Lawrence, 17, and Ann, 13.

W. KELLY MOSLEY, '24, Georgia vice president. Mr. Mosley is assistant vice president for public relations with Southern Bell Telephone Co. at Atlanta. He joined Southern Bell in 1924. Mr. Mosley is former president of the Atlanta Auburn Club. He was a general chairman of the 1955 Red Cross Atlanta fund drive and 1957 chairman of the Fulton County March of Dimes.

Mr. Mosley was graduated from API with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Phi Kappa Delta, Eta Kappa Nu, Scarabs and Sabres. He is a former president of the Atlanta Auburn Club.

Mrs. Mosley is the former Helene Hudson. They have one daughter, Anne. **W. C. (RED) SUGG, '31**, Michigan vice president. Mr. Sugg is assistant director of sales for Upjohn Co. at Kalamazoo, Mich. He continues to serve as regional sales manager for the Memphis and Atlanta branches. He joined Upjohn in 1931 as a salesman.

Mr. Sugg received his B. S. degree in pharmacy from Auburn in 1931. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He served as national president of the Auburn Alumni Association from 1951-53 and is former president of the Atlanta Auburn Club.

Mrs. Sugg is the former Dabney Hare, '33. The Suggs have four children, Bill, now a senior at Auburn; Marcia, an Auburn freshman; Joe, and Frances.

HOWARD HAWKINS KNOWLES, '25, Mississippi vice president. Mr. Knowles is president of Knowles Materials Co. of Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Knowles received his B. S. degree in civil engineering. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Tau Beta Pi.

WILLIAM GIRARD FOWLER, '20, North Carolina vice president. Mr. Fowler is sales supervisor for the North Carolina sales district of the Upjohn Co. His offices are in Charlotte. He is a former president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association.

He received his Ph. G. degree from Auburn. As a student, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Mr. Fowler has served as president of the Charlotte Auburn Club.

Mrs. Fowler is the former Anna Grace Brown. They have three daughters, Mary Anna Fowler, a 1954 graduate of Auburn; and Jean and Martha.

WILLIAM HOWARD EILAND, JR., '47, Tennessee vice president. Mr. Eiland is cost and inventory control supervisor for Cavalier Corp. at Chattanooga, Tenn. He is also a member of the Cavalier board of managers. He joined the company in 1948 as a time study engineer. Mr. Eiland is also a special agent with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

Mr. Eiland earned a B.S. degree in industrial engineering and management at Auburn. He was president of Pi Kappa Phi and the Society for the Advancement of Management. He ran on the freshman track team. Mr. Eiland has completed the "Institute for Management" at Northwestern University. He is president of the Auburn Club of Chattanooga.

Mrs. Eiland is the former Barbara Sproesser. They have four children, Margaret Ellen, 11, George, 10, William H., III, 6, and Michael David, 3.

MERVYN H. (BIG BOY) NABORS, '26, Tennessee vice president. Mr. Nabors is vice president for sales with Tennessee Products and Chemical Corp. at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Nabors is a member of the Sales Executive Club, American Iron and Steel Institute and American Foundry Society.

He studied electrical engineering at Auburn, where he was a tackle on the football team. Mr. Nabors is a member of Kappa Sigma. He is currently serving as president of the Middle Tennessee Auburn Alumni Club.

Mrs. Nabors is the former Vi Merrill. They have two children, Adelynn, 15, and Mervyn, 13.



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GEORGE WILLIAM LANIER, '33, Texas vice president. Mr. Lanier is general manager of Houston Slag Materials Co. and Hurock, Inc., at Houston.

He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from API. He is a member of Sigma Nu, Blue Key and the A Club.

Mrs. Lanier is the former Louise Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. Lanier have two sons, George W., Jr., and Alex.

JAMES MURVIN EARNEST, '27, Washington, D.C., vice president. Mr. Earnest, an attorney, has his own law offices in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Earnest received his B. S. degree (See VICE PRESIDENTS, Page 3)

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In addition to \$17,143,000 for buildings

Auburn Asks \$7,143,000 From State

THE ALABAMA Polytechnic Institute has asked the State of Alabama for \$7,143,000 annually for current operations during the next two school years.

In addition, Auburn is seeking almost \$18,000,00 for new buildings. The capital outlay would include \$2,012,500 for a much needed library.

Auburn's 1957-59 requests were made before the State Budget Commission in February. In early March, members of the Alabama State Senate finance and taxation committee came to API to hear of Auburn's needs. The House ways and means committee members also visited the institution in March.

The Board of Trustees in its March 14 meeting gave its approval to the request as submitted to the State Budget Commission.

The next step will be for the Budget Commission to make recommendations to the Governor. He, in turn, will present the 1957 Legislature his budget proposal.

Auburn received a \$5,028,850 annual appropriation from the 1955 Legislature.

Divisional requests

DIVISIONAL requests are as follows:

Campus Instruction calls for \$4,103,982. The present budget is \$2,982,000. The increase would be \$1,121,982.

The Agricultural Experiment Station asked for \$1,295,100. The present budget is \$917,150. This increase would be \$377,950.

API Extension Service receives \$966,700. The request is for \$1,507,765, or an increase of \$541,065.

The Engineering Experiment Station is asking for \$110,000. The present budget calls for \$81,500.

Educational Television requested an increase to \$126,153 over the present appropriation of \$81,500.

This budget includes salary increases and provisions for additional personnel.

API's 1957-59 request is a "realistic" one according to college officials. Even with the requested increases, API will not reach the average per student expenditure of other land-grant colleges.

'Desperate need'

"AUBURN NEEDS additional funds desperately," Dr. David W. Mullins, executive vice president of the college, told The Alumnus.

During the past four years, he pointed out, API's budget lagged far behind the increases in student enrollment.

Dr. Mullins said Auburn's greatest needs for funds are:

(1) To improve the salary level in all departments, schools, and divisions of the institution in order to recruit and retain well-qualified staff in the face of increasing competition from business, industry, governmental agencies, and other better financed educational institutions.

(2) To employ additional staff to keep pace with Auburn's rapidly growing enrollment and the increasing demands for additional research and service. Enrollment in the past five years has increased by 2,659 students.

An increase of 1,913 students has been seen in the School of Engineering. The shortage of trained personnel is acute in all fields of engineering and large expenditures for laboratory equipment and other instructional supplies are required.

To meet the increased enrollment of the past five years a minimum of 145 additional teachers should have been employed. Only 50 have been added. A request is being submitted to the 1957 Legislature for funds to employ 74 additional teachers, all of whom are needed to care for students presently enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

(3) To construct badly needed buildings on the campus. More than 400,000 square feet of temporary barracks type construction is now in use on the Auburn campus. Among the most urgent needs is a library to serve a university of more than 8,000 students. The present library was constructed at a time when the institution had less than one-third the student body of today.

Proposed buildings listed

AUBURN has paid four-fifths of the cost of all new buildings erected on the campus since 1946. Now it is asking the State of Alabama for \$17,143,000 for capital outlay for 1957-59.

A new library is high on the list of priorities.

Other buildings on the proposed list: INSTRUCTION DIVISION:

Sewage Treatment and Disposal Plant.

Chemistry Building Annex.

Classroom Building.

Central Heating Plant.

Home Economics Building.

Dramatic Arts Annex.

Military Building.

Building and Grounds Storage Annex.

Engineering Laboratory Building (Industrial).

Auditorium-Arena Building.

ROTC Armory.

Administration Building.

Women's Dormitories (244 Capacity).

Men's Dormitories (1,000 Capacity).

Men's Cafeteria (750 Capacity).

Physical Education Building.

Union Building Addition.

Music Building.

Nuclear Science Building.

RESEARCH (Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences):

Plant Sciences.

Biological Sciences.

Animal Sciences.

Abattoir and Meats Lab.

Animal Disease Research Lab.

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Auburn Fees Increase With Summer Quarter

BEGINNING the summer quarter of 1957, Auburn will operate on a new fee schedule. The increase in academic fees was approved by the Board of Trustees in January.

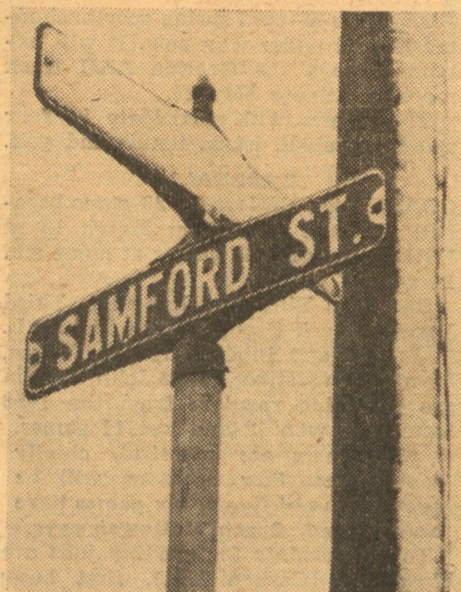
The following are average totals of college fees for a school year under the new schedule:

Alabama student: \$165 for three quarters (or \$55 per quarter.)

Out-of-state student: \$390 for three quarters (or \$130 per quarter, including a \$75 quarterly non-resident assessment.)

Board and room in college-operated dormitories will be \$450 per school year (or \$150 per quarter.)

The trustees increased the fees because of rising costs and legislative pressure. The higher schedules are expected to add about \$250,000 to Auburn's annual income.



QUITE LITERALLY, snow fell on Auburn's College St. in March. Photographer Les King found that Samford St. was clear.

API Alumni Make 'Splendid' Record In Repaying Loans

AUBURN GRADUATES have made a remarkable record in repaying the loans they have obtained to help pay their way through college, if the experience of one educational fund is typical.

The Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund of Columbus, Ga., has loaned \$240,347.87 to 408 Auburn students through the API business office.

Not a single one of the 408 Auburn students who obtained loans from the fund has a "past due" account.

Guy E. Snively, Jr., executive secretary of Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund, recently sent API President Ralph B. Draughon a detailed report of Auburn students' loan repayments.

"You will realize that this is a splendid record for Auburn students as a whole when we tell you that we have granted loans to more Auburn students than we have to students attending any other institution," Mr. Snively wrote.

"Frankly, we do not remember having any unusual difficulties with any borrower who attended API. Naturally we believe that the training students receive in college has much to do with the manner in which they treat their promises," the letter continued.

Mr. Snively said 233 students have completely repaid their loans, which amounted to a total of \$100,010.18. Seventy-eight former students are now making repayments.

The fund loaned \$63,616 to 78 students who are now enrolled in classes at API.

The Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund was created by the late Claud Adkins Hatcher of Columbus, Ga., founder of Nehi Corp. and its predecessors in soft-drink manufacturing, to help high school graduates with limited financial resources obtain a college education.

Sgt. George Moxham, 70, Dies In Auburn

MASTER SERGEANT George Moxham, 70, who served on the ROTC staff at API for 22 years, died at his home in Auburn Feb. 25, following a heart attack. He had suffered a brief illness.

Sgt. Moxham was born in Bradford, England, on April 3, 1886. He joined the U. S. Army in 1908, soon after arriving in the United States. He was assigned to the Auburn Army ROTC staff as a field artillery sergeant in 1919.

The sergeant was beloved as both teacher and friend by Auburn cadets. He was honored at a parade and review of the API ROTC unit on Bulward Field before he retired in May, 1941.

Sgt. Moxham, who had a well-trained bass voice, was often a guest soloist for church services. He was a member of the Auburn Methodist Church choir. Sgt. Moxham also was an active member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eunice Prather Moxham, Auburn; one sister and three brothers. Military graveside rites were held in Auburn, following funeral services in the Auburn Methodist Church.



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Vice Presidents

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gree in mechanical engineering from Auburn. He was a member of Theta Chi. Mr. Earnest holds a law degree from George Washington University. He is currently serving as president of the Washington, D. C., Auburn Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest (May Miller) have two sons, James M., Jr., 14, and Broughton M., 13.

JOHN LOUIS WILSON, '30, Washington, D. C., vice president. Mr. Wilson is a tax attorney in Washington, D. C., where he has his own law practice. He is a former major in the Judge Advocate General's office.

Mr. Wilson earned a degree from Auburn in civil engineering, before beginning his legal studies at George Washington University. He earned the LL. B. degree there. Mr. Wilson is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and former president of the Auburn Club of Washington.

Mrs. Wilson is the former Mary Vance Sullivan.



API'S CARNEGIE Library was built in 1908. It contained 13,584 square feet with a 35,000 volume capacity. Auburn had 22,100 books and 700 students.



THE LIBRARY more than doubled its size in 1939-40, when an east wing with two large reading rooms was constructed under a federal project, adding 15,296 square feet. API had increased enrollment to 3,400 students and library holdings to 82,000 volumes.



AUBURN'S 8,410 students are served by the smallest library of any major college in the Southeast. The building has not been expanded since 1940. The 235,000 API holdings are shelved in 28,880 square feet in main library, plus four temporary areas. A new library is urgently needed. (Drawing by Joe Quinn, '51)



RESOURCEFUL Auburn coeds placed a Confederate flag atop their snowman, built after the March 8 snow.

Coach Mike Donahue Keeps Close Contact With Former Students

"COACH" ALWAYS ENJOYS a visit from any Auburn man who passes through Baton Rouge, La.

"Coach"—as most API alumni know—is Michael J. Donahue. He taught mathematics and English at Auburn, but few remember that. For he achieved his fame as Auburn's football coach from 1904 through 1922. His teams won 100, tied 5 and lost 34 during a 19-year period. His 1908, 1909, 1913 and 1914 Tigers were undefeated. The little Irishman was API's physical director and also coached varsity baseball, basketball and track in season.

Coach Donahue now lives with his son in Baton Rouge. He is in good health and is quite active, although he has been retired since 1949. He was on the Louisiana State University athletic faculty as football coach, golf coach and intramural director for more than 25 years. He was named to the Football Hall of Fame in 1953.

One of his hobbies is talking about Auburn and the thousands of friends he has among API alumni. He knows the whereabouts of hundreds of Auburn men. Many write to him regularly. He will receive mail addressed to Coach Mike Donahue, Care of Athletic Department, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The beloved Auburn coach made his most recent visit to the "Loveliest Village" during the weekend of the Auburn-Houston game last fall, when the Classes of 1916, 1921 and 1922 held their reunions.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE VILLAGE FAIR

APRIL 12, 13, 14, 1957
Auburn's Open House

March 4, 1957

Dear Alumni,

I would like to extend to each of you a special invitation to attend the Fifth Annual Village Fair.

This year through the combined efforts of the Student Body, the News Bureau, the Faculty, the Administration, and the Alumni Association we hope to put on the most educational and the most entertaining Village Fair ever.

If you have been "selling" Auburn to any High School students, this is the week-end to insure the sell; our best foot will be forward. There will be exhibits and tours conducted by each school and department. The faculty will be available to answer any questions. There will also be a parade, athletic events, water shows, a dance, and a festival.

April 12, 13 and 14 will belong to the Alumni and the visitor. We urge each of you to visit us and again receive the feeling of that Great Intangible Spirit, which is Auburn's keystone.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Amos
Chairman

Baseball, track, tennis, golf

Tigers' Spring Sports Menu

AUBURN's 58-card spring sports schedule is well under way now. It will extend through the Georgia AAU track meet in Atlanta May 25.

The Tigers will participate in four sports: baseball, track, tennis and golf.

BASEBALL

COACH Dick McGowen's 28-game baseball schedule started on March 19 at FSU. Tigers play 14 games at home and 14 away.

Shortstop Billy Ray Roberson, Third Baseman Jack Crouch, Right Fielder L. F. Lanier, and Pitchers Herbie Pearce, Wynton Overstreet, and John Martin are returning regulars from the 1956 team with won 12 and lost 11 games.

Newcomers are plentiful, chiefly sophomores. Few positions will be sewed up until five or six games have been played, Coach McGowen says.

Top contenders for starting jobs are Lloyd Nix (Carbon Hill), first base; Tommy Lorino (Besemer) and Bob James (Russellville), second base; Roberson (Florence), shortstop; Crouch (Miami, Fla.), third base; Rex Frederick (Corner), Jackie Burkett (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.), Jimmy Laster (Covington, Ga.), and Jerry Wilson (Birmingham), outfield; Pat Duke (Centerville) and Horace Williams (Montgomery), catchers; Herbie Pearce (Birmingham), Wynton Overstreet (Brewton), Tommy Watts (Birmingham), Fred McDuffie (Mobile), Martin (Fayette), and Henry Dumas (Chatom), pitchers.

TRACK

STARTING his 37th consecutive season as track coach is Wilbur Hutsell. He has four dual meets scheduled with Florida, Georgia Tech, Georgia, and Alabama. The Florida Relays, SEC, and Georgia AAU are also on the track team's calendar.

Most promising point-getters for the tracksters are Pete Calhoun (Atlanta, Ga.), hurdles; Jimmy Phillips (Alex City), sprints and weights; Ellsworth Richter (Birmingham), distance runs; Hawthorne Wesley (Atlanta, Ga.), two-mile; Billy Yarbrough (Decatur, Ga.), jack-of-all-trades, and sophomores Jim Awbrey (Dalton, Ga.), sprints; Tommy Hollingsworth (Birmingham), sprints; Collier Rawls (Montgomery), sprints; Tommy Waldrup (Montgomery), 440; Mike Simmons (New Brunswick, N. J.), weights; Ross Wommack (Birmingham), high jump; Paul Krebs (Birmingham), 880, and Mavern Parker (Andalusia), distance runs.

Richter was the two-mile champion for the SEC last spring. He is Auburn's only 1956 champ although Yarbrough was the hero of the 1955 SEC championship team.

TENNIS

COACH Luther Young's tennis team engages in 14 outings. Returning 1956 lettermen Charles Evans (Sylacauga) and Ed Miller (Anniston) will be joined by 1955 letterman Howell Hagan (Sylacauga) who has completed military service.

Other members are Bobby Jackson (Anniston), Tom Parser (Chattanooga, Tenn.), Harold Hagewood (Nashville, Tenn.), Cameron Lawrence (Mobile), Neely Inlow (Clanton), and Finus McCluney (Gadsden).

GOLF

GOLF COACH Kenneth B. Wheeler is starting his first season at the reins. He replaces George Hargreaves, who served 12 years.

Wheeler's 1957 team will take part in 13 meets, including the Southern Championships in Athens, Ga. Members of the team are Walter Abell (Columbus, Ga.), Jackie Dedman (Old Hickory, Tenn.), John Gross (Birmingham), Lanston McNice (Chattanooga, Tenn.), and Charles Moroney (Natchez, Miss.).

March

19-20—FSU, Tallahassee, baseball.
20—Florida, Gainesville, tennis.
21—Ga. Tech, Gainesville, tennis.
22-23—Georgia, Auburn, baseball.
23—Troy State, Troy, golf.
25—Alabama, Auburn, golf.
27—Mercer, Auburn, tennis.
29—Miss. State, Auburn, tennis.
29-30—Tennessee, Knoxville, baseball.

April

1—Georgia, Athens, tennis.
2—Georgia Tech, Atlanta, tennis.
2—Georgia Tech, Atlanta, golf.
2—Howard, Auburn, baseball.
6—Mercer, Macon, baseball.
6—Georgia, Auburn, golf.
9—Mercer, Auburn, baseball.
11—Mercer, Macon, tennis.
11—Mercer, Auburn, golf.
12-13—Florida, Gainesville, baseball.
13—Georgia, Athens, track.
13—Troy State, Troy, tennis.
13—FSU, Auburn, golf.
15—Georgia Tech, Auburn, golf.
15—Howard, Birmingham, baseball.
17—Alabama, Auburn, tennis.
19—Mercer, Macon, golf.
19-20—Kentucky, Auburn, baseball.
20—Alabama, Auburn, track.
22-23—FSU, Auburn, baseball.
23—Troy State, Auburn, golf.
25—Georgia, Athens, golf.
25—Howard, Birmingham, tennis.
26—Alabama, Tuscaloosa, tennis.
26-27—Georgia Tech, Atlanta, baseball.
27—Florida, Gainesville, track.
29-30—Alabama, Tuscaloosa, baseball.
30—Alabama, Tuscaloosa, golf.

May

1—Howard, Auburn, tennis.
2-4—SEC Tournament, Athens, golf.
3—Troy, Auburn, tennis.
3-4—Florida, Auburn, baseball.
4—Georgia Tech, Auburn, track.
6-7—Alabama, Auburn, baseball.
9-11—SEC Tournament, Baton Rouge, tennis.
17-18—SEC Tournament, Birmingham, track.
25—AAU Meet, Atlanta, track.

Auburn AEA Dinner Scheduled March 28

ALABAMA EDUCATION Association's 1957 convention in Birmingham March 28-29 will hear Dr. David W. Mullins, executive vice president of Auburn, at the opening session in the Municipal Auditorium. Dr. Mullins is 1956-57 president of AEA.

The Thursday morning program will also include a speech by Governor James E. Folsom and songs by the Auburn Octet.

The annual Auburn dinner is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, in the ballroom of the Tutwiler Hotel. Dr. Mullins will be guest-of-honor.

The dinner program will include a talk by API President Ralph B. Draughon, '22, on "Progress at API." Dr. Truman Pierce, dean of the School of Education, will discuss Auburn's program of service in teacher training. Dr. M. C. Huntley, dean of faculties, will be toastmaster. The Octet will sing.

David Bottoms, '30, associate professor of agricultural education, is dinner chairman.

Tickets will be \$1.50 each. Advance reservations may be obtained from Dr. John Deloney, School of Education, API, Auburn, Alabama. Tickets will be sold in Tutwiler Hotel lobby March 28, as long as the supply lasts.

The entire AEA membership will attend the annual president's reception and ball following the Thursday night general session. AEA officers and convention speakers will form the receiving line. The API unit of AEA—as the state president's home chapter—will serve as joint host for the reception. Mrs. James E. Land, head of the department of women's physical education, is API unit president. A group of Auburn faculty members will assist at the reception.

API Honolulu Club Meets On Second Saturday

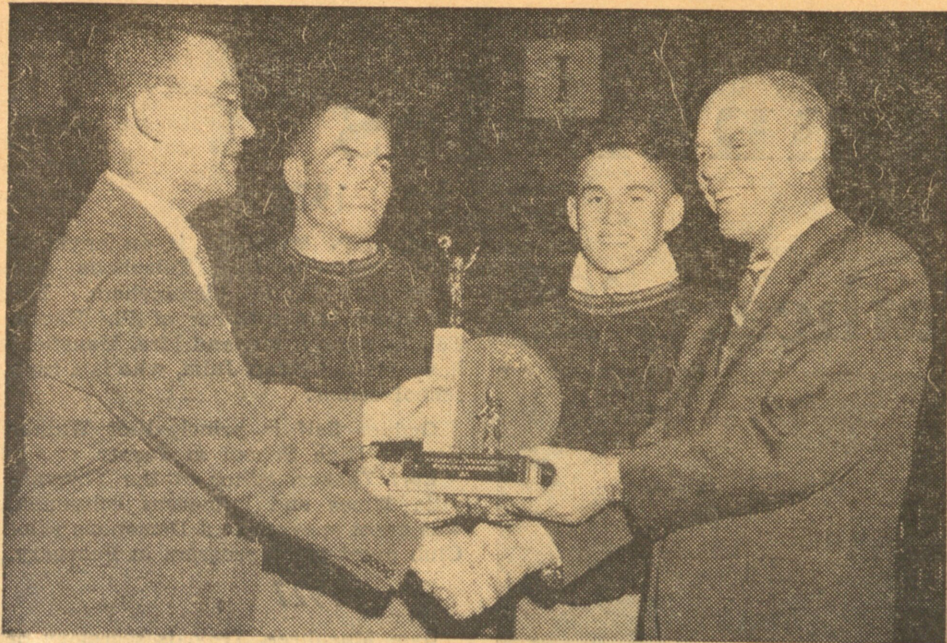
THE HONOLULU Auburn Club meets the second Saturday evening of every month. The meetings are held in famous clubs in the Honolulu area.

Bryne W. Stewart, '49, is president. Other officers are Mrs. Allie Bates Jolley, '36, vice president; Mrs. Gwendolyn Carter Swingle, (Mrs. Roger Swingle), '55, recording secretary; Lt. (jg) Albert Lee Bendall, '54, treasurer; Mrs. Allen V. Hurd, assistant treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Capt. R. E. Eidson, '51, press and publicity; Lt. Samuel T. Parker, '51, sports; Lt. Col. John F. Burgess, Jr., '41, entertainment; Mrs. Jeanne Oliver Burton, '53, telephone; George P. Galane, '51, membership.



CHECKING ONE of the many lists of high schools seniors to be invited to Village Fair at Auburn April 12 to 14 are Marilou Goodwin, secretary, and Bill Amos, general chairman. All high school students in Alabama and all alumni are invited to visit the campus during the weekend. Special exhibits in all departments and a Saturday parade with floats depicting the Auburn keynote—that "Intangible Spirit"—are planned.



RECEIVING Auburn's 11th consecutive Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship trophy is Coach Arnold (Swede) Umbach (right). He terms his 1957 team "the best balanced" ever to enter the SEWIC. Auburn Sports Publicity Director Bill Beckwith, '51, (left) presents the trophy after the Tigers won the title in a tournament at API. Heavyweight Champion Bill Rankin and Vic Maldonado, 147-pound champion for 1956 and 1957, watch.

After breaking cage records

Frederick Named '58 Captain

UPCOMING Junior Forward Rex Frederick received an unique honor when his basketball teammates elected him captain of the 1957-58 Auburn team.

This honor usually goes to a senior. His mates think so much of Rex's leadership and all-around ability that they rose to the occasion.

The 6-5 All-SEC Sophomore — a third-team selection on the All-SEC five—did a major rewriting job on Auburn basketball records this past season.

He had the squad's best field goal percentage, 51.2 on 103 hits in 201 attempts. This better's Bob Miller's 49.6 record set in 1954.

The new captain grabbed off 226 defensive rebounds, eclipsing Bill Lynn's 161 from 1950. Frederick had most total rebounds, 322, bettering another Miller mark (277 in 1954). His rebounding average (15.3) also outdid Miller's 12.3.

Miller's record 13 free throws against Tulane in 1953 fell twice—to Frederick and another sharp soph, Henry Hart. "Po' Devil" sank 14 in Auburn's first game with Alabama. Rex hit the same number against Florida.

Jimmy Lee, the team's leading scorer, tied the school record for the most field goals in a conference game with 12 against Florida. George Hill had scored 12 hits against Tulane in 1951.

Lee's point total was 334, an average of 15.9 per game. Hart averaged 14.2 with 303, and Frederick, 15.6 with 328 points.

Coach Joel Eaves' team finished the season with 13 wins and eight losses.

Lettermen named by Eaves for 1957 season were Frederick, Lee, Hart, Bill McGriff, Henry Sturkie (captain), Terry Chandler, Thomas Coleman, Jim Naftel, Ty Samples, Bobby Tucker, and manager Joe Page.

API

Here 'n there

Baseball Captain Billy Ray Roberson was one-half the keystone combination of Roberson-Martin year before last while he was in service. This Martin's kid name is Billy, jack-of-all trades for the New York Yankees . . . Wedding bells will ring in June for assistant Coach Joe Connally and Mary Laney, now of Atlanta and formerly from Notasulga. . . . Basketball seniors receiving watches at the A-Day game from Alumni President Roy B. Sewell were Jimbo Naftel (Auburn), Henry Sturkie (Gadsden), Thomas Coleman (Lanett), and Manager Joe Page (Birmingham).

Next year's football captain is Tim Baker, Decatur. Jimmy Phillips is the alternate. . . . Winners of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce trophies as "Most Outstanding" Back and Lineman playing in the intersquad A game were QB Johnny Kern and LG Smith. . . . AD Jeff Beard announced recently that campus football games will be played with Maryland in 1958 and Miami in 1960.



Frederick

Offered on limited basis

Season Ticket Plan

THE AUBURN ATHLETIC Department will offer a season ticket plan on a limited basis for the 1957 football season.

Contributors to The Greater Auburn Fund may purchase season tickets for the 1957 football games under a plan announced by Athletic Director Jeff Beard, '32.

Games selling under the season ticket plan will be Chattanooga, Mississippi State, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama.

Season ticket order blanks will be mailed only to contributors to The Greater Auburn Fund.

Both season ticket order blanks and individual game order blanks will be mailed to contributors to the Greater Auburn Fund on May 1.

Individual game order forms will be mailed to dues-paying members of the Auburn Alumni Association on June 1.

Other alumni will receive individual game order forms after July 1.

Season and individual game priority tickets will continue on the basis of one (1) priority ticket per \$10 contribution to The Greater Auburn Fund.

To receive priority, alumni who have not already done so should send their contributions immediately to The Greater Auburn Fund, Auburn Alumni Association, Auburn, Alabama.

Bill BECK WITH auburn sports

A BASKETBALL player groomed to be a Kentucky star isn't a Wildcat at all. He's going to be a Tiger—Auburn variety.

This former water boy from the University of Kentucky baseball team and a potential star for Lexington, Ky., High School is **David Vaughn** of Central High in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Moving to Chattanooga from Lexington as a sophomore, Vaughn developed into what many feel is the best basketball player in the State of Tennessee. The brunette, curly haired cage machine took 499 shots during the past regular season and scored 250 field goals. At the free-throw line he connected on 101 of 138 shots. All totaled he scored 601 points in 24 regular season games, an average of 25.0 points a game.

Thanks to a good Auburn promotion job by alumnus **Bill Eiland** of the Lookout City plus the solid support of Auburn athletes **Bobby Hoppe**, **Jimmy Reynolds**, **Jim Jeffery**, and **Ronnie Robbs**, all of Chattanooga, we have an outstanding forward prospect. Another factor in the 6-3 and one-half player's decision was his admiration for Coach **Joel Eaves**.

Kentucky—figuring Vaughn was in the bag—was caught napping when Eaves and Co. popped the question.

The happy Tiger ending: Vaughn visited, he saw, he asked, he liked, he signed.

Eaves has also signed **Porter Gilbert**, 6-4 forward of Geraldine, and **Gerald Robison**, 6-0 guard of Ranborn, for the 1957-58 Tiger freshmen.

Successful A-Day Spotlights Sophs

A-DAY was a tremendous success. Since Coach **Ralph Jordan** owns all of the Oranges and Blues, the Blue's 12-9 victory is incidental.

What is important is that there were many outstanding individual feats displayed in the game and earlier during spring training. Take the game, for instance. Linemen showing real promise were **Tackles Leon Myers**, **Dan Presley**, **Jim Jeffery**, and **Ken Paduch**; Guards **Zeke Smith**, **Frank LaRussa**, **Don Braswell** and **Jeff Weekley**; Center **Jackie Burkett**, Quarterbacks **Johnny Kern** and **Richard Wood**; Halfbacks **Tommy Lorino**, **Lamar Rawson** and **Bobby Lauder**, and Fullbacks **Ronnie Robbs**. Of this group only Presley, LaRussa, Weekley and Lorino are lettermen.

At the conclusion of spring training, a starting lineup, including the seven boys excused from the drills would read: LE **Jerry Wilson**, LT **Ben Preston**, LG **Smith**, C **Burkett**, RG **LaRussa**, RT **Teddy Foret** (out of the game with pneumonia), RE **Jimmy Phillips**, QB **Jimmy Cook**, LH **Lorino**, RH **Bobby Hoppe**, and FB **Billy Atkins**. The month of September might change this. Possible top challengers will be RG **Tim Baker**, RT **Presley**, **Cleve Wester** or **James Warren**, and QB **Kern**.

The fast development of Sophomore Kern at quarterback was fascinating, particularly to Coach Jordan who needs an outstanding engineer if he is to have another successful season. Johnny is a speed merchant with quickness and a brilliant mind.

It is questionable whether Auburn could have a wirming season with a sophomore general.

Chief reason for questioning the ability of a soph quarterback is simple. Consider Mississippi State's **Billy Stacy**. He was All-SEC in 1956, led the conference in total offense, and tied Lorino for "Sophomore of the Year" honors. But, this same green sophomore had four interceptions turned into touchdowns in the opening game against Florida and had other lapses as the Maroons ended 4-6-0 for the season. True, he was great once he got his feet wet.

Kern, or sophomore quarterbacks **Bryant Harvard** and **Richard Wood** might play first string but the odds are definitely not in their favor.

Tiger Notes

QUICKLY NOW—Wedding bells rang during the month for **Howell Tubbs** and next year's alternate Captain **Jimmy Phillips** . . . Another **Morrow** in track? That's right, Auburn signed halfback **Jimmy Morrow** of Carrollton, Ga., to a football grant-in-aid. The youngster is not only an outstanding back, but he is the top sprinter in the State of Georgia. In the Coliseum Indoor Meet at Montgomery a month back, Jimmy won the high school 60 and 300-yard dashes.

Roy Brazil, sophomore righthalf, has a brother, **Jack**, who signed a football scholarship with Florida . . . **Inman Veal**, former Tiger infielder and cage star, is considered the best fielding shortstop in the Detroit Tiger organization but his hitting is poor. Watch for him to join former Tiger football signee **Larry Osborne** at Birmingham this summer.



Eaves



Danjean



Sansom



Maxime

Three members of Auburn's 1956 football team have signed pro football contracts. They are **Ernest Danjean** (Green Bay), **Jerry Sansom** (Cleveland), and **Chuck Maxime** (Montreal).

Auburn Alumnalities

1892

Died: Walter E. Richards, 83, of Weatherford, Tex., Jan. 25. Mr. Richards was a nephew of Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, '82. He was a member of Auburn's first football team and played baseball and tennis as well. After graduating from Auburn in chemistry in 1892, Mr. Richards earned a master's degree the next year. He was one of the first automobile dealers in Weatherford. He had been retired for several years.

1900

Died: Col. Frank Clarke McAlpine, 76, at his home in Miami, Fla., March 2. Col. McAlpine was a native of Talladega. He served as captain of a company in the Rainbow Division of the National Guard and saw action on the Mexican border. During World War I, Col. McAlpine was an artillery officer in France. He remained a reserve officer when he entered the real estate business in Miami in the early 1920s. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frankie Percy McAlpine; and three sisters.

J. B. Mitchell, Huntsville, has been elected a director of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Mitchell is a salesman with Tennessee Valley Co-ops of Decatur. He is a former county agent for Madison County.

1905

C. L. Mullin is president of the Phenix-Girard Bank at Phenix City.

1906

Died: Knox H. Camp, 71, chief clerk in Talladega County probate office for many years, in Talladega Feb. 12, following a long illness. Mr. Camp was born at The Cedars in Talladega County. He studied civil engineering at Auburn and played varsity football in 1903-04. Mr. Camp was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He attended the first officers' training school at Fort McPherson, Ga., during World War I. Lt. Camp served with the 320th Machine Gun Battalion of the 82nd Division and was injured at Meuse-Argonne. He had a long record of service as chief probate clerk. Mr. Camp was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a charter member of Edward R. Wren American Legion Post 17. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Catherine Venable Camp, and one sister.

1907

Died: George Golden of Columbus, Ga., Oct. 18, 1956.

1908

Olin C. Skinner, retired school principal, lives on Route 1, Highlands, N. C.

1909

Lawrence Adler has moved to Diablo Heights, Canal Zone, from Balboa, C.Z.

1913

Died: Samuel Carl Enslen, Birmingham real estate man, in Birmingham Oct. 17. Mr. Enslen attended Auburn in 1909-10. Survivors include Mrs. Enslen.

Samuel M. Dillard, Sr., was honored recently at a testimonial dinner at the Birmingham Country Club by officials of Moore Business Forms, Inc. Mr. Dillard, who has completed 30 years service with the company, retired from active duty. He is former district manager of sales and supervisor of the Birmingham area. Mr. Dillard was first to introduce carbon interleaved business forms in Alabama.

1914

Died: Robert Morris Martin, 68, of Madison, Ala., in Conyers, Ga., Feb. 28. Mr. Martin was principal of Pulaski Pike School at Huntsville. He was granted a leave of absence after he became ill in early January. Mr. Martin had been principal at Madison and at Paint Rock Valley School in Jackson County. Survivors include Mrs. Martin; one son, Dr. Robert M. Martin, Jr., '47, Conyers, Ga.; one sister and two brothers.

1916

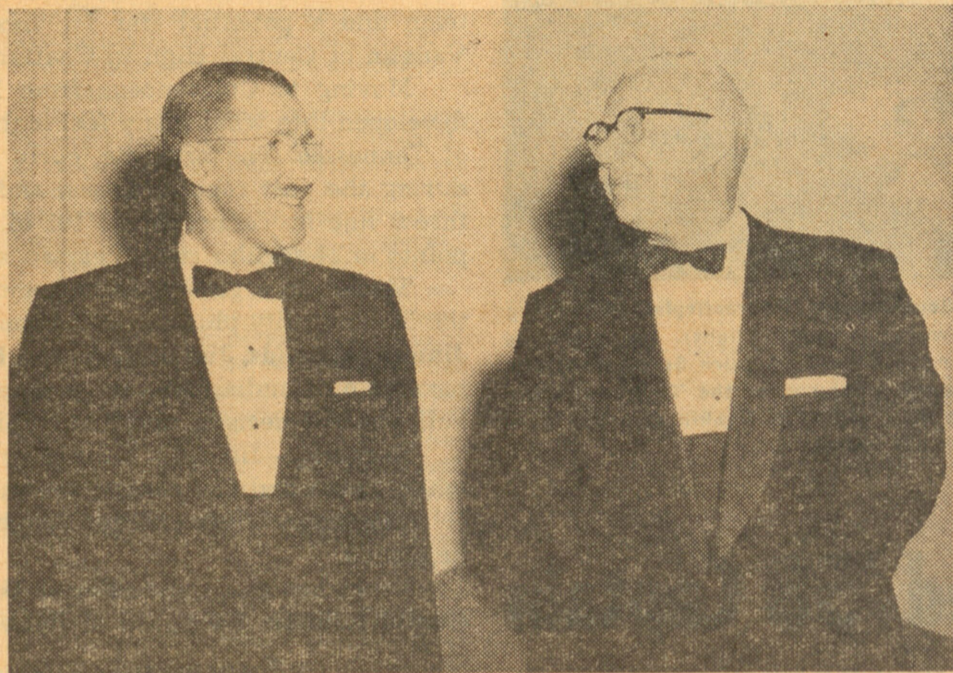
Died: Elmer Rice Chambliss, 64, of Brewton, Feb. 24. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Moore Chambliss; three brothers and two sisters.

1918

William Cook McKay is executive vice president of Kershaw Equipment Leasing Corp. of Montgomery. The firm,

Medical Society installs

Dr. Donald Cathcart, '25



FULTON MEDICAL Society Presidents McClaren Johnson, Don Cathcart, '25

DR. DONALD CATHCART, '25, Atlanta pediatrician, is 1957 president of the Fulton County Medical Society.

"A doctor is in many ways an artist," he said in his inaugural address to the Society. "He uses his mind, his heart and his hands to maintain and preserve that vital spark which we call life."

Dr. Cathcart urged his fellow doctors to work as human-to-human with patients in regaining "the art of medicine, which has been displaced by the ultra-scientific use of machines and the laboratory." He contrasted the present ideal of a physician's participation in community activities with an earlier period. At one time, taking part in civic affairs was considered "advertising" and therefore unethical for physicians, he reminded his audience.

The new Medical Society president was chairman of the Fulton County

Medical Society board of trustees in 1945. Dr. Cathcart served as president of the Georgia Pediatric Society in 1950-51. He was international president of Phi Chi medical fraternity from 1949-51.

While at Auburn, Don was president of the Auburn Glee Club, an assistant cheerleader and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He received his B. S. degree in general science at Auburn before entering medical college at Tulane University.

Dr. Cathcart has been president of the Atlanta Auburn Club and a vice president of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Cathcart have two children, Mrs. Patricia Ann C. Fordyce, of Little Rock, Ark., and William John Cathcart.

API

a subsidiary of Kershaw Manufacturing Co., was organized in 1955 to lease track maintenance equipment to railroads. Mr. McKay graduated from Auburn in electrical engineering. He had done graduate work at Alexander Hamilton Institute and Westinghouse Electric. He served 30 years with Philadelphia Transportation Co. from 1925 to 1955. As assistant vice president in charge of operations, he directed a coordinated system of subway-elevated, streetcar, motorbus and trackless trolley lines serving Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have three children. While at Auburn, Mr. McKay was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

1922

President Ralph B. Draughon of Auburn has been appointed to membership on the Southern Regional Education Board of Control. His term will run through June 30, 1960. The SREB makes contracts with institutions of higher learning to educate students in fields not offered by colleges located in the home state. Dr. John Ivey, '40, is SREB director.

1923

W. A. (Jerry) Ruffin, API Extension entomologist, was honored for "outstanding service in the field of pest control" during the 10th Alabama Pest Control Conference at Auburn in February. He received a plaque from the Alabama Association for the Control of Economic Pests. James L. Lawson, '23, Extension Service associate director, made the presentation.

1924

Died: Ernest Howell Chambers of Athens Dec. 11. He was a native of Albertville and graduated from Auburn in electrical engineering.

Died: Clyde O. Davis, 59, of Cornelius, N. C., in Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 22. Mr. Davis was a native of Tallapoosa County. He received his B. S. degree from Auburn in agricultural education. He had taught at Cornelius High School for

1926

Julian P. Mansfield is an engineer with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Birmingham. Mr. Mansfield is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield have one daughter, Julia, who is a high school senior.

Geddes Self is principal of Walker County High School at Jasper.

Earl Tucker, editor of the Thomasville Times and humorous columnist, was guest speaker at a Demopolis Pilot Club guest night program in February.

1927

Sam Murphree, Troy, is secretary of the Alabama Road Builders Association for 1957.

1928

Died: Raymond C. Sizemore, Montgomery architect, in Montgomery Feb. 12. He was 52. Mr. Sizemore was a native of Gadsden. He had been a practicing architect in Montgomery for 22 years. Mr. Sizemore was active in professional organizations and was a former president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and former chairman of the Alabama Registration Board for Architects. He was a member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery and has served as president of the Montgomery Lions Club. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louise C. Sizemore; one daughter, Tonia Sizemore; his father and two sister.

Lt. Col. Louis F. Driver, Jr., has assumed duties as the new commander of school troops at the U. S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville. His previous assignment was Tooele Ordnance Depot, Utah, as chief of the ammunition division. He has served at ordnance depots in the United States and Germany and has held assignments with Intelligence and Counter Intelligence Agencies. Col. Driver holds the Legion of Merit. He is an honorary member of the First Chinese Nationalist Paratroop Regiment and he has been awarded badges from the Polish Guard and German Labor Service. Col. and Mrs. Driver have four children. They live at Redstone.

James Daniel Rumph is employed by Western Electric Co. at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Cecil S. Stowe has been advanced to sales promotion manager for ORRadio Industries, Inc., of Opelika, manufacturers of Irish Brand magnetic recording tape. Mr. Stowe joined ORRadio in May, 1956. In his new position, he will handle sales promotion and public relations. Mr. Stowe has spent 14 years in the daily newspaper field and 10 years in retail merchandising as a store manager. He served three years with the U. S. Marine Corps as a public relations officer during World War II. Mr. Stowe is a member of the Opelika



FOR "OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS" to the veterinary profession, Omega Tau Sigma fraternity presented its 1957 Zeta award to Dr. B. T. Simms, '11, of Washington, D. C. Henry (Jack) Hall, OTS president of API's Zeta Chapter, made the presentation at the annual senior banquet. Dr. Simms, formerly director of livestock research for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was recently named assistant administrator of the Agricultural Research Service.



API PRESIDENT Ralph B. Draughon (left) tells his classmate, John K. Hodnette, executive vice president of Westinghouse from Pittsburgh, Penn., some of the highlights of the 1922 class reunion held in Auburn last fall. The reminiscences took place when Mr. Hodnette made a visit to the campus in February.

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Kiwanis Club. He sings in the choir and teaches a Sunday School class at the First Methodist Church.



Driver



Stowe

1929

George A. Dozier, Montgomery, has been installed as 1957 president of the Alabama Road Builders Association. He was elected at the association's 10th annual meeting in Montgomery in February.

Ben H. Dyer is an architect and specification consultant in Bethesda, Md. He operates his own office, writing specifications for architects in the Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., areas. Mr. Dyer also works with the U. S. Government occasionally. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have three children, Diane, Judy and Brooke. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Julian J. Young, Cherokee County agent at Centre, received a new suit from the Ellis Community Improvement Club at a dinner Feb. 25. The community won the \$2,000 first prize in the Alabama community cotton improvement contest.

1930

Fletcher N. Farrington, Tallapoosa county agent at Dadeville, has been appointed to the advisory committee of the new Thor Research Center for Bet-



Farrington



Moore

ter Living at Marengo, Ill. He is one of 20 top farm leaders who will guide a nation-wide "Operation Farm Improvement" program in better planning and use of the farm shop. Mr. Farrington is immediate past president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He has been with the API Extension Service for 27 years.

Marcus S. (Buck) Moore has been appointed Florida coordinator of defense activities for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. Mr. Moore has been transferred from the Miami office to state headquarters at Jacksonville. He joined Southern Bell in 1929 and has served in a number of Florida cities. He is a former president of the Auburn Club of Central Florida at Orlando. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two children, Marcus M. Moore, who is a student at the Duke University Medical School, and Mrs. Mary L. Moore Lenholt, '57,

of Atlanta, who attended Auburn in 1953-54.

1931

Thomas G. Amason has been assigned as head of the water shed planning party of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service at Auburn. For the past 16 years, Mr. Amason has been area conservationist with SCS at Ozark.

Homer Hollifield, president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association and Birmingham druggist, installed officers of the newly organized Madison County Pharmaceutical Society in Huntsville in February.

Louie I. Lumpkin has been transferred to Ozark as area conservationist by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. Mr. Lumpkin has been head of the SCS work in Limestone County at Athens for the past 14 years. At Ozark, he will supervise a nine-county area in South Alabama.

John Wood of Birmingham was elected reunion chairman of the Class of 1931 at the Homecoming reunion in 1956. Mr. Wood's address is 4211 South Ninth Court, Birmingham, Alabama.

1932

Harry M. (Happy) Davis is representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for the Southeast, with headquarters in Valdosta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two sons.

Dr. Leroy Mims, Opelika veterinarian, was appointed coroner for Lee County by Governor James E. Folsom in late February. The coroner's office had been vacant since January.

J. M. Plant, Jr., is an assistant professor of engineering mathematics at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Mr. and Mrs. Plant have a daughter, Mary Ann, and two sons, Tad and Gene. While earning his degree in mechanical engineering at Auburn, Mr. Plant was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

LeRoy Robertson is a field engineer for Portland Cement Association in Miami, Fla. Mr. Robertson is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Mrs. Louise Whatley Taber has been assigned to Fort George Meade, Md., where she is director of service clubs for U. S. Army Special Services. She formerly served at Fort Hanford, Washington.

1933

Grady L. Hicks has formed a partnership with Charles P. McMullan, '49, for the practice of architecture in Jackson, Miss. The new firm of Hicks and McMullan, Architects, has offices at 605 First Federal Building in Jackson. Both Mr. Hicks and Mr. McMullan are members of the American Institute of Architects.

Nelson H. Thomas is a wholesale grocer in Gadsden. Mr. Thomas is managing partner in Thomas Wholesalers, Inc. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

1934

Born: A son, John Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Morton, Jr., of Montgomery in November. Mr. Morton is president of the Morton Sales Co., Inc., building specialties firm in Montgomery.

Phil S. Hudson, owner of Central Pharmacy in Opelika, was one of the

nation's first druggists to receive Mortar and Pestle trophy from Rexall Drug Co. The awards, which were inaugurated this year, will be presented annually to outstanding Rexall druggists. Mr. Hudson has been a pharmacist in Opelika since 1938, when he opened Arcade Pharmacy. He is currently president of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy and is a former president of the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Hudson has received a number of honors for his outstanding civic and pharmaceutical work.

Oxford A. Kitchens, Jr., is a public accountant in Bainbridge, Ga. Mr. Kitchens operates a tax consultant and bookkeeping service. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchens have two children, O. A. Kitchens, III, and Maryann Kitchens. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Charles M. Sanders has been assigned as assistant state conservationist with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in Alabama. He will continue to make his headquarters at Auburn. Mr. Sanders is working with SCS watershed activities throughout the state. For the past two years, he had headed the watershed planning party at Auburn. He joined the federal Soil Conservation Service upon his graduation from Auburn in 1934.

1935

Jack Tabor has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U. S. Marine Corps. He is now stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

1936

Joseph H. Jolley is a civilian engineer with the U. S. Air Force Pacific Headquarters in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a civil engineer for sanitation and travels the entire Far East, including Korea, Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Philippines, Hawaii and the islands. Mr. Jolley was employed with Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. from 1936 to 1945. Since he accepted employment with the U. S. Air Force, he has worked with the 14th Air Force at Robins Field, Ga., and headquarters of the Far East Air Force in Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Jolley is the former Allie Bates, '36. She is a free-lance feature writer and newspaper correspondent.

James E. Vance is vice president of the First National Bank of Birmingham. He is 1957 chairman of the agricultural committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

P. Lynch Whatley of Beauregard has been elected president of the Lee County Dairy Association for 1957.

Harold Williams is co-owner of the new Dixie Rexall Drug Store in Montgomery's Eastbrook Shopping Center.

1937

Dr. Delos P. Culp is president of Livingston State Teachers College. Mrs. Culp is the former Martha Street, '40. They have three children, Martha, Jean, Jimmy and John Stephen.

Lt. Col. Ralfe C. Searcy, Jr., is commander of the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion near Seoul, Korea. While he is serving overseas, Mrs. Searcy and three children are making their home in Auburn.

1938

Billy Hitchcock has begun his third year as a coach for the Detroit Tigers and his 15th year in the big leagues. He reported to Tigertown at Lakeland, Fla., in late February. Accompanying him were his wife and young son, Johnny, who is 4½.

Col. William B. Stelzenmuller is serving with the Corps of Engineers in the Mediterranean Division of U. S. Air Force.

Dr. Henry S. Ward, professor of botany at Auburn, is co-author of a new textbook on "Fundamentals of Plant Physiology." Dr. James F. Ferry, professor of botany for the API School of Agriculture, is senior author of the textbook which will be published by MacMillan Co. Dr. Ward is a native of Birmingham. He holds a B.S. degree

Col. Sam McCroskey Scores Hole-in-One For the Second Time

HOW DO YOU make a hole-in-one?

Air Force Lt. Col. Sam E. McCroskey, '37, does it with a No. 5 iron. He came up with a hole-in-one on a 145-yard hole at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., during qualifying play for the Southwest Air Force Golf Tournament.



This was the second time that Col. McCroskey had executed the perfect shot. The first time was on a course at Wiesbaden, Germany, while he was stationed there in 1950-53.

Col. McCroskey is a native of Birmingham. He majored in secondary education at Auburn and was football guard under Coach Jack Meagher for three years. He has been in the Air Force since 1940.

Col. McCroskey is serving with the USAF Security Service Headquarters in San Antonio. He received this assignment upon graduation from Air Force Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1954.

Mrs. McCroskey is the former Ella Frances South, '36, also of Birmingham. They have two children, Mike and Lynn.

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from Auburn and M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Iowa State College. He has been on the Auburn faculty since 1947. Dr. Ward is former collaborator for the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the Southwest Pacific. Dr. Ward is currently studying the market value of peanuts following storage. He lives in Auburn.

1939

John E. Davis, Jr., architect, is a member of the Birmingham firm of Warren, Knight and Davis.

Maj. and Mrs. George L. Shumaker (Marguerite Morgan, MS, '54) have returned from an Army assignment in Japan. They are now making their home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Hoyt M. Warren, API Extension poultryman from Auburn, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the rural sales section of Alabama Power Co. in Birmingham in January. He discussed the poultry outlook in Alabama for 1957.

David Wittel, Auburn businessman, is Auburn chairman for the Central Alabama fund drive for a \$600,000 rehabilitation and crippled children's center in Montgomery.

1940

Lt. Col. Harry L. Bush, an Army pilot, has received the International Aeronautic Federation's record diploma for setting a new world helicopter record for "distance in a closed circuit without payload." Col. Bush set the record Aug. 11, 1956, with Maj. William C. Dysinger, when they were assigned to the Continental Army Command's Board 6 at Fort Rucker. They completed a 1,199.07 mile non-stop flight in an Army Vertol H-21C helicopter in 11 hours and 58 minutes, besting the old record by 420 miles. The flight was conducted by the Army to determine maximum practicable non-refueling range of the H-21C. The data accumulated will be invaluable in planning inter-theater movements involving cargo-type helicopters. Col. Bush is now attending the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Mrs. Bush is the former Maryolive Strozier, '44. They have two sons.

James D. Flowers, Jr., who is associated with Smith and Cochran realty firm in Montgomery, is one of the rental agents for Eastbrook Shopping Center, recently completed \$3,500,000 modern business area in Montgomery.

Ealon M. Lambert has joined Opelika Motor Co. as a car salesman. He is mayor of Opelika. Mayor Lambert is also associated with Superior Awning and Glass Co. of Opelika.

Mrs. Mildred Louise Anthony Nesbit is a homemaker in Birmingham. She lives at 1513 Valley Place.

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your family and your
work, when you send your
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Auburn Alabama.**

1941

Born: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Everette Danner of Montgomery Feb. 25.

Married: Lily Siggers Hill of Lanett and Monroe J. Merritt at Herrington Heights near Lanett Feb. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are making their home in Lanett.

James E. Gillespie has been named associate professor of education at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Professor Gillespie is employed by the Education Branch of Air Force ROTC Headquarters.

Parker A. Narrows, partner in the Montgomery architectural firm of Pearson, Tittle and Narrows, supervised the construction of Montgomery's new Eastbrook Shopping Center. The \$3,500,000 project was opened in late February.

James Seal makes his home in Auburn. He recently retired at Alabama area salesman for Pittman-Moore veterinary supplies, due to ill health. Mrs. Seal is the former Patty Northington, '47. She is now employed as a pharmacist at an Opelika drug store.

Dr. Lloyd G. Webb is a faculty member in the department of entomology and zoology at Clemson College, Clemson, S. C.

1942

Thurston L. Faulkner, MS, of Auburn, has been appointed state supervisor of vocational agriculture. He has served as assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture at Auburn for 16 years. During the past nine years, Mr. Faulkner has also served as state FFA executive secretary. A native of Lamar County, Mr. Faulkner holds his B. S. degree from Mississippi State. He is former publisher of the Northwest Alabamian in Fayette County. In his new position, Mr. Faulkner supervises vocational departments in 352 Alabama high schools and directs the training of 30,000 farmers and farm boys each year. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and their two daughters plan to move to Montgomery in the summer.

Bernard M. Machen is assistant director of agricultural sales for the Inorganic Chemicals Division of Monsanto Chemical Co. at St. Louis, Mo.

Mays Montgomery, Limestone County poultryman, was elected to the board of directors of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association at the 10th annual convention in Atlanta in early February. Mr. Montgomery operates a poultry farm near Athens. He is currently serving his second term as president of the Alabama Poultry Industry Association.

Homer A. Weaver is an agricultural engineer with the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Thorsby. Mr. Weaver earned his bachelor's degree from Auburn in electrical engineering. After serving with the U. S. Army during World War II, he returned to API to earn a master's degree in agricultural engineering. He joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 1949 and is now doing soil and water research. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have three children. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

1943

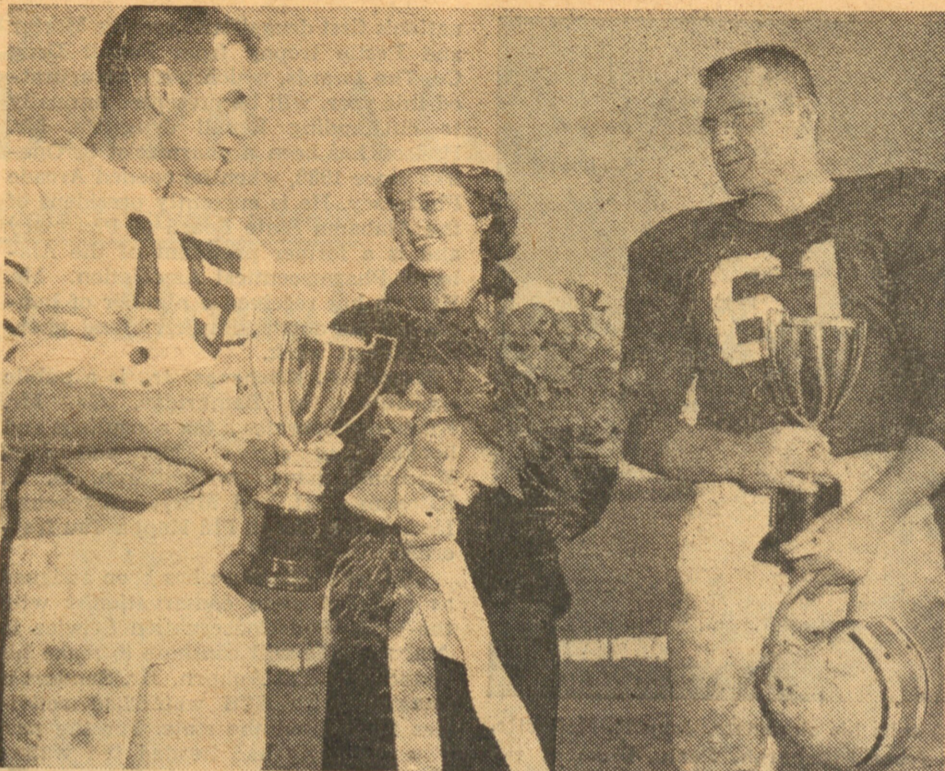
Born: A daughter, Docia Carter, to Major and Mrs. Charles D. Orrison of Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Tex., in September. Major Orrison is attached to the 7th Bombardment Wing of the Strategic Air Command. The Orrisons have two sons, Michael and Davidson.

Jimmy Lee Butt, secretary of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers of St. Joseph, Mich., has been appointed to the advisory committee of the new Thor Research Center for Better Living. He is one of a group of 20 top farm leaders who will guide a nationwide "Operation Farm Improvement" program. Before joining the ASAE staff in 1956, Mr. Butt was an associate agricultural engineer with the API Experiment Station at Auburn.

Betty Wallace Cosby, dean of women at Texas Western College in El Paso, was featured in a recent article in "The Angelos of Kappa Delta." Miss Cosby is now serving as national director of membership. She is former alumnae officer for the Southern Province of Kappa Delta. Before accepting her present position, Miss Cosby was assistant dean



J. L. Butt



CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Quarterback Johnny Kern of Mobile, Ann Spicer of Clanton and Guard Zeke Smith of Uniontown. They display their A Day trophies, which they won as outstanding back, Miss A Day and outstanding linesman, respectively.

of women at Auburn. She holds a master's degree from Syracuse University and is a former counselor at the University of Miami in Florida.

John Paul Crow won a "Sparkplug" award from the Fort Payne Jaycees at the annual awards night banquet in February. Mr. Crow is a Fort Payne businessman.

William H. Ryan, Greenville pharmacist, is a member of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy. The board gives licensing examinations for graduates who seek to become registered pharmacists.

James D. Tyler is agricultural agent for the First National Bank of Opp.

1944

Dr. and Mrs. B. T. (Tom) Simms, Jr. (Mittie Jones) live in Pontotoc, Miss. Dr. Simms, who earned his DVM degree from API in 1951, is engaged in large animal veterinary practice. Dr. and Mrs. Simms have two children, Susan, 4, and Tommy, 2.

1945

Born: A daughter, Leila Carol, to Dr. and Mrs. Crawford A. Tatum (Leila Alice Flewellen, '51) in Opelika Feb. 1. Dr. Tatum is a dentist in Opelika.

Robert G. Brown, sales manager of Opelika Creamery, Inc., has received the 1956 Vernon J. Trotman award from the Alabama Dairy Products Association. The Trotman award is presented annually to the outstanding man in the dairy industry in Alabama. Mr. Brown is a former president of the Alabama Dairy Association, a member of the board of the International Dairy Association and a member of the International Advisory Council of the Ice Cream Manufacturers Association. Mr. Brown is also a past president of the Alabama Sales Managers Association. Active in Opelika civic affairs, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the First Baptist Church. Before joining Opelika Creamery in 1947, Mr. Brown was assistant county agent in Lee County.

Frank G. Charlton, Jr., is employed by Palmer and Baker, Inc., as a civil engineer in Mobile.

Dr. Abner J. Headrick is 1957 president of the Murphy, N. C., Toastmasters Club. He is also immediate past president of the Murphy Civitan Club. Dr. Headrick is a veterinarian.

Anacile Riggs is coordinator of distributive education at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery.

1946

Aubrey Green, Lions International counselor from York, was guest speaker at the Northport Lions Club annual Lion of the Year banquet in Tuscaloosa March 1. Mr. Green is a former district governor of the Lions Clubs of Alabama.

Julius P. Hagerty, Jr., is an instructor in the adult high school program offered by the Anniston City Board of Education. Mr. Hagerty works with veterans and other adults who wish to complete their high school training. He has been a teacher in Anniston since his graduation from API. For four years, he served as on-the-job training coordinator for veteran students. Mr. Hagerty

is currently spending his summers at Auburn, where he is working toward a master's degree in history. He is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

James R. Maloy is employed by the Franklin Life Insurance Co. at Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Jean Gauntt Narmore is a housewife in Jacksonville, Fla. Her husband, Raymond Narmore, '54, is completing Purina managerial training at the Check-R-Board Feed Store in Jacksonville. He started his training program as a salesman in a Knoxville, Tenn., Check-R-Board store. Mr. and Mrs. Narmore have purchased a home at 5028 Chadroe Road, Jacksonville. They have two children, Norman and Dian.

Capt. John M. Powell is serving overseas with the 53rd Weather Rec. Squadron, APO 124, Box 69, New York, N. Y.

Dr. James E. Williams, chief of programs service section, Animal Disease Eradication Division, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was a member of a two-man federal inspection team which visited the API School of Veterinary Medicine in February. While on the campus, Dr. Williams was initiated into the Auburn chapter of Phi Zeta, veterinary scholastic honor society. Dr. Williams is employed in Washington, D. C. He makes his home in Hyattsville, Md.

1947

Born: A daughter, Martha Lacy, to Mr. and Mrs. John William (Billy) Tamblin (Carolyn Virginia Knight, '47) of Auburn Jan. 25. Mr. Tamblin is an assistant professor of music at Auburn.

Born: A son, James Edward, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Williams of Huntsville Feb. 11. Mr. Williams is a mechanical engineer with the Army Ballistics Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville. The Williamses have one other child, Mary Zora, who is 21 months old.

Married: Ethel F. Gayle and Maj. Robert Emmett Hails in Montgomery March 2. He is serving with the U. S. Air Force in Montgomery, where they are making their home.

Robert W. Adams is employed by Aluminum Company of America in Atlanta. Mr. Adams visited the Auburn campus in late February to interview seniors for employment with Alcoa.

Kenneth J. Barr has been promoted to senior petroleum engineer in Pan American Petroleum Corp's producing department at the general office in Tulsa, Okla. He was formerly a petroleum engineer, senior grade. Mr. Barr holds a B. S. degree in chemical engineering from Auburn.

Mrs. Lois Bedsole Gholston, MS, of Opelika, attended the annual convention of National Association of Secondary School Principals in Washington, D. C., in February. Mrs. Gholston is principal of Opelika Junior High and Northside Elementary Schools. While in Washington, Mrs. Gholston participated in a discussion group on "Modern Trends in Guidance in Junior High Schools."

Robert Goodman (Bob) Hill, Jr., is assistant to the vice president for engineering at Chance-Vought Aircraft in Dallas, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Hill make their home in Irving, Tex. Major Hill

is an engineering officer and pilot in the 136th Fighter-Interceptor Group of the Texas Air National Guard. He was among the former members of the Auburn Knights who were responsible for arranging the band's first reunion at Auburn's 1956 Homecoming.

John Ben Jones, Jr., of Shawmut was named "Young Man of the Year" of the Chattahoochee Valley at a meeting of the West Point, Ga., and Valley Jaycees at Shawmut in February. Mr. Jones is production manager of Shawmut mill division No. 2 of West Point Manufacturing Co. He is a former president of the Valley Jaycees, Chambers County Tuberculosis Association, Crippled Children's Society, and is active in Boy Scout, Red Cross, American Legion, Parent-Teachers Association and church work.

Henry B. Steagall, II, Ozark attorney, is chairman of the Dale County Red Cross Chapter for 1957. He is Dale County representative in the Alabama Legislature.

1948

Born: A son, James Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander Hitt of Montgomery Feb. 16.

Born: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Humphrey of Birmingham Feb. 15.

Born: A son, James Edwin, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Thomas of Montgomery Feb. 24.

Married: Flora Sarinopoulos and Frank Seymour Boardman in Birmingham March 3. Both have been engineers at Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham. Mrs. Boardman is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and holds a master's degree from the University of New Mexico. She was an instructor of foreign languages at Auburn from 1948 to 1950. They are at home in Birmingham.

The Rev. Robert S. Barefield is a minister in Boone, N. C.

John C. Butler is party chief of a seismograph crew engaged in oil exploration for Carter Oil Co. He recently transferred from Mattoon, Ill., to Ada, Okla. Since he joined the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey subsidiary, his work has taken him to 17 towns in 11 states. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have two daughters, Helen and Susan Elaine. Mr. Butler is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

L. George Elias is a structures engineer in stress group for Douglas Aircraft at Santa Monica, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Elias and their daughter, Diane, live in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Mr. Elias is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

The Rev. James Welborn Ellis received his master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., in January.

Kirby L. Hays has been named assistant professor in the zoology-entomology department of the API School of Agriculture and assistant entomologist in the API Agricultural Experiment Station. He is conducting insect and fire ant control research. Mr. Hays returned to Auburn after spending several years as a research assistant at the University of Michigan. He has completed most of the work for his doctorate there. Mr. Hays served in the Army as a preventive medicine technician and was an inspector for the federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine for two years. He is a member of a number of scholastic, professional and scientific organizations.

Charles A. Nix, attorney, is a partner in the firm of Morrow and Nix in Lanett and West Point, Ga. He received his LLB from the University of Alabama Law School in 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Nix have two sons, Charles A. Nix, III, and William L. Nix. Mr. Nix is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

J. Nelson Phillips is employed as an electronics engineer by Brown Engineering Co. in Huntsville. He makes his home in New Hope.

Melvin L. Snow, Jr., has joined Bettis Plant, atomic power research laboratory which Westinghouse Electric Corp. operates in Pittsburgh, Penn., for the Atomic Energy Commission. He is doing engineering and development work on an atomic reactor for a large surface ship. Mr. Snow is a mechanical engineering graduate of Auburn. He earned a master's degree from Georgia Tech in 1951. He is a Navy veteran and a member of the American Society for Quality Control. Mr. and Mrs. Snow (Jane Scott, '53) and their two children live in Library, Penn.

John Harvey Thomas, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Dothan, re-

ceived a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., in January. His major field of study was the New Testament. As a graduate student, Dr. Thomas was a teaching fellow in four departments—New Testament, church history, evangelism and pastoral ministry. He wrote his dissertation on "The Eschatology of the Antiochian School of the Post-Nicene Period." Dr. Thomas is a native of Montgomery. He received a degree in architecture from Auburn in 1947 and served as BSU president during his senior year. He is a member of Spades. While earning his B. D. degree from Southwestern, Dr. Thomas was youth director at Polytechnic Baptist Church in Fort Worth. He later served as pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of McKinney, Tex., and was professor of Bible at North Texas State College. He became pastor of the Dothan church in 1953. Dr. Thomas has directed the building of a new two-story building and a new parsonage in Dothan. Under his ministry, the church has increased by 324 members. Dr. Thomas is moderator of the Columbia Baptist Association and a member of the executive board of the Alabama Baptist Convention. Mrs. Thomas is the former Mary Helen Williamson, '47. They have three children, Paul 5, Janet 3, and Beth 18 months.

Hoyt C. Watkins is a sales representative for Baggett Transportation Co. in Birmingham. He served as a navigation instructor in the Auburn Naval ROTC unit for five years after his graduation. Following a cruise in Pacific waters to Japan, Lt. Watkins was separated from active duty in February, 1954. Mr. Watkins has been employed by Baggett since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have three sons, David Carl, Randall Philip and Jerry Wayne. Mr. Watkins is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

1949

Born: A daughter, Leslie Jolly, to Mr. and Mrs. James Clifford Farlow of Birmingham Feb. 6.

Born: A son, David Taylor, to Mr. and Mrs. George P. Gaut III of Gainesville, Fla., Feb. 20. Mr. Gaut is employed by Chapman Construction Co.

Married: Bessie Bradshaw Smith and Jefferson Goode Ratcliffe in Selma Feb. 23.

Capt. John W. Calhoun is serving with the Army ROTC unit at Washington State College in Pullman.

Henry Lee Capps has completed two years as president of the Lee County Dairy Association. Mr. Capps is an outstanding dairy farmer who lives near Opelika. While he was dairy association president, the group won commendation from the American Dairy Association for promotion of June Dairy Month.

W. A. (Andy) Ellis, Jr., is a director of the Ellis Community Improvement Club of Cherokee County. The community was judged most outstanding in Alabama's state cotton improvement program and the club received a \$2,000 prize for its 1956 record.

Jack H. Hartzog is associated with the civilian personnel division headquarters of the Second Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He lives in Shreveport.

William O. Holcombe, Jr., is an electrical engineer with Tennessee Coal and Iron Division of U. S. Steel. He joined TCI upon receiving his mechanical engineering degree in 1950. Mr. Holcombe earned his electrical engineering degree in 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe and their two daughters live in Ensley. Mr. Holcombe is a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Richard Morehead Inlow of Goodwater has been awarded a master of arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Inlow worked in the field of English. His thesis was entitled, "The Contemporaneity of Poe's Criticism."

First Lt. John A. Lewis, Jr., is serving as an observer instructor at Harlingen Air Force Base, Texas.

Charles P. McMullan has formed an architectural partnership with Grady L. Hicks, '33, in Jackson, Miss. The new firm of Hicks and McMullan, Architects, has offices at 605 First Federal Building, Jackson. Both Mr. Hicks and Mr. McMullan are members of the American Institute of Architects.

Chaplin R. Sammons has been promoted to the grade of captain at the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Redstone Arsenal, near Huntsville. Capt. Sammons entered the Army in September, 1950, and was assigned to the Guided Missile School in 1953. He is now personnel officer for the school. Capt.



SKIT NIGHT trophies go to (left to right) Arlene Knox for Alpha Omicron Pi's first place sorority skit and Jim Naftel for Sigma Nu's prize-winner in the fraternity division. Jo Newsom, Mortar Board president, and Art Mawhinney, Blue Key secretary-treasurer, make the presentations. Proceeds from the annual event are used for scholarships and campus services.

and Mrs. Sammons have three children, Stanley 6, Danny 5, and Jeffery 2. They live at Route 4, Hartselle.



Sammons



Smith

The Rev. Luther Smith has been named executive secretary of the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, with headquarters at Macon, Ga. The Foundation was formed recently by nine non-tax-supported, accredited four-year colleges in Georgia to interpret the aims and needs of these institutions to the state's corporate business and industry. The Rev. Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in January. He is a graduate of Auburn and holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa. He was editor of The Auburn Alumnews from 1948 until the fall of 1950. The Rev. and Mrs. Smith and their daughter, Eugene, live at C-1 Winship Gardens Apartments, 2140 Ingleside Avenue, Macon, Ga.

Byrne Wadkins Stewart is resident civilian engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Mr. Stewart served in the Air Force during the Korean War. Before his present assignment, he served as assistant resident engineer at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have three children, Byrne III, Gail and Nancy. They live at Waimanalo, Territory of Hawaii. Mr. Stewart is president of the Honolulu Auburn Club.

Dr. Arlene (Putz) Davis Thal is a U. S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian in Memphis, Tenn., where she works in the Meat Inspection Division. Dr. Thal and her husband, Dick, live at Holly Springs, Miss. Mr. Thal is completing work on his master's degree in hospital administration while serving a year's residency at the North Mississippi Community Hospital in Tupelo. Both commute to their jobs daily.

Travis Tidwell, Auburn's All-America quarterback, was featured in the Birmingham Post-Herald's series, "Sports Stars of Yesteryear," in mid-February. Mr. Tidwell is an insurance agent with Equitable Life Assurance Society at Birmingham. The article described Travis as "the most outstanding freshman ever to wear an Auburn uniform." He was listed by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau as the first individual performer in the organization's history to take first place in three departments: rushing, passing and total offense. He set these records in 1946. Travis was named to two All-America teams as a halfback his freshman year. After breaking his leg in a baseball game during his sophomore year, Travis moved to quarterback and perfected the

jump pass. He later returned to tailback under Coach Earl Brown. Upon graduation from Auburn, Tidwell was first draft choice of the New York Giants and was an outstanding rookie. He became an Auburn coach in 1953 and entered the insurance business in Montgomery in 1954. He has played Canadian pro ball with the Hamilton, Ontario, team. Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell have one son, Vaughn Davis Tidwell, 2.

1950

Born: A daughter, Amy Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. John Boswell of Montgomery Jan. 30.

Born: A son, David Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Goodson of Leeds Jan. 26.

Born: A son, Patrick Arnold, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold Fagen, Jr., (Emaleen Stoves, '50) of Tampa, Fla., Feb. 11.

Born: A son, Joseph Patrick, to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Litchfield, of Montgomery Feb. 7.

Born: A son, James Arnold, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. James Arnold Robbins of Montgomery Feb. 20.

The Rev. and Mrs. James T. Alves (Louella Rice, '54) live at Glen Loch, Penn., where he is pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Before entering the Episcopal ministry, the Rev. Mr. Alves was a pre-vet and a veterinary student at Auburn. Among the members of their church are Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. (Dick) Harper, '51, of West Chester, Penn.

The Rev. W. Jennings Baggett is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church at Dothan.

Melvin F. Buckner is employed by Buck Creek Cotton Mills at Siluria. Mr. and Mrs. Buckner have one daughter, Rebecca. Mr. Buckner is a member of Phi Kappa Tau.

H. C. (Clanton) Chandler, Jr., has opened his own drug store in Columbus, Ga. The new pharmacy is located in the Rosemont Shopping Center at Woodruff and Warm Springs Rd. Mr. Chandler was formerly a pharmacist with another drug store in Columbus.

Samuel W. Coney III is employed by the State Highway Department of Georgia in Atlanta. He works in the design engineer department.

Guilford L. Crocker is employed as an engineer with Lockheed Aircraft Co. at Marietta, Ga. He lives at Powder Springs.

Capt. Ben R. Davis of Montgomery was one of 51 Army Reserve and National Guard officers who recently completed a two-week tour of duty at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

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1957 Football Schedule For Auburn Tigers

Sept. 28—Tennessee at Knoxville.
Oct. 5—Chattanooga at Auburn.
Oct. 12—Kentucky at Auburn.
Oct. 19—Georgia Tech at Atlanta.
Oct. 26—Houston at Houston.
Nov. 2—Florida (HC) at Auburn.
Nov. 9—Miss. State at Birmingham.
Nov. 16—Georgia at Columbus.
Nov. 23—FSU at Tallahassee.
Nov. 30—Alabama at Birmingham.

Capt. Davis is assigned to Third Battalion Headquarters Company of the 31st Division's 200th Infantry Regiment in Tallahassee.

William G. McLain is employed by F. G. Goodrich Chemical Co. as a senior product engineer in plastic materials sales at Cleveland, Ohio. He lives at Lakewood, Ohio.

Melvin M. Moorer is acting seed crops specialist for the API Extension Service at Auburn. He has been elected secretary of the Alabama Seed Crop Association for 1957.

William C. Ratchford, Jr., is Standard Oil Co. distributor in LaFayette.

Marine Capt. George T. (Ted) Sargent, Jr., has been named Young Man of the Year by the Johnson City, Tenn., Jaycees. He was presented the distinguished service award Jan. 26. Capt. Sargent is an instructor-inspector with the Marine Corps. He was cited for his outstanding civic activities, including work with March of Dimes, Toys for Tots, Red Cross and Community Chest, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol and Optimist Club boys' work. A Marine veteran of seven years, Capt. Sargent served in Korea as a platoon leader and company commander. Mrs. Sargent is the former Lamar Ellis, '52. They have four children.

1951

Born: A daughter, Vickie Susan, to Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell Maughon of Sparta, Tenn., Jan. 24. Dr. Maughon is a veterinarian in Sparta.

Born: A daughter, Lisa Janet, to Mr. and Mrs. Myron G. Turner of Montgomery Feb. 7.

Married: Elissa Allen Venable and Guy Hartwell Handley II in Roanoke Feb. 2. They are making their home in Birmingham, where Mr. Handley is a junior accountant with an accounting firm.

Joseph A. Burkhardt was one of the members of a Humble Oil Co. recruiting team who came to Auburn in February to talk with engineering students about employment. Mr. Burkhardt is associated with Humble at Houston.

Alonza L. Caldwell of Opelika has been promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Air Force. Capt. Caldwell is serving as base provost marshal at Campbell Air Force Base, Fort Campbell, Ky. He entered service upon graduation and became a first lieutenant in the Regular Air Force in 1956. He has served at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Capt. and Mrs. Caldwell and their daughter Mary Kay live at Campbell Air Base.

First Lt. Charles E. DeRamus, Jr., has returned to active duty with the U. S. Air Force. He is now serving as medical supply officer at a base in Greenland. Mrs. DeRamus and their son, Eugene, are making their home in Sherman, Tex., while Lt. DeRamus is overseas.

Richard C. (Connie) Gamble is an engineer with Rust Engineering Co. in Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Gamble (Mary Glen McClintock) have two children, Susan 4 and David 1. Mr. Gamble is a civil engineering graduate and a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Mrs. Judy Head Graham, teacher at Lincoln High School for the past five years, has been nominated as "Post-Herald Favorite Teacher" for 1957. Mrs. Graham is sponsor of the senior class, cheerleaders, pep squad and majorettes. She teaches a Sunday school class and is a member of the board of the Lincoln Methodist Church.

H. Jack Hargis is managing partner of Lee Drug Co. in Edna, Texas. Mr. Hargis was employed by Jones Apothecary before he took his present job in 1952. He is now making plans for a drug store chain. He is a member of the Lions Club, American Legion, Jaycees and founded a Texana scholarship fund which has sent eight underprivileged children to college. Mr. and Mrs. Hargis have one son, John Michael.

William J. King has been transferred from Demopolis to Linden, where he is a soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Donald B. Lanford was discharged from the Air Force last fall. He is employed by Linde Air Products, a division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., as sales representative. Mr. Lanford lives in Greenwood, Ind.

Dr. Fort Sutton, Columbus, Ga., veterinarian, has been elected first vice president of Southern Industries, Inc. Dr. Sutton owns and operates the Benning Park Animal Hospital in Columbus. Southern Industries is also a Columbus firm.

Born: A son, William Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herlich of Auburn Jan. 29. Mr. Herlich is a parasitologist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Regional Animal Disease Research Laboratory at Auburn.

Born: A son, Dwight Leslie, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Mixson of Andalusia Jan. 18. Mr. Mixson is manager of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. store in Andalusia.

Married: Mary Josephine Nichols and Perry Spencer Hicks in Decatur Feb. 2. They are making their home in Decatur.

Married: Hellen Sanders Hooks and Max Hartwell Hooks in Montgomery Jan. 18. They are making their home in Montgomery.

Married: Rebecca Ann Smith of Dalton, Ga., and James Robert Johnson of Rome, Ga., in Dalton Feb. 23. Mrs. Johnson has been a violin teacher in Rome. Mr. Johnson is associated with the sales department of Southeastern Mills there.

William T. Achor is working at the Laboratory of Physics, Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Joe M. Cowling is football coach at Trout Lake High School in Trout Lake, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Cowling have two children, Sandra Joe, 3, and Stephanie Jean, 15 months old.

James H. (Jim) Dahlen has been accepted by the University of Wisconsin Medical School for the fall term of 1957. He is now enrolled as a special pre-medical student at Auburn. Mr. Dahlen is a former fishery research biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Florida. Previously he was employed by the Wisconsin Conservation Department.

Mrs. Tina Whitson Dupke (Mrs. Carl F. Dupke) returned to the United States after her husband completed his three-year tour in Germany. Lt. and Mrs. Dupke are living on the campus at Purdue University, where he is earning a master's degree. The Dupkes have a daughter, Marlea.

Harold W. Grimes, Jr., has been named assistant superintendent of the Black Belt Substation of the API Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. Grimes has been an assistant in agronomy in the agronomy and soils department of the Main Station at Auburn.

Frank L. Holman, Jr., has been appointed assistant professor of civil engineering at API. He is devoting one-third of his time to research with the Engineering Experiment Station and two-thirds of his time to teaching. After earning his bachelor's degree from Auburn, he received a master's degree from the University of Tennessee. He was a research assistant for a highway research project at Tennessee.

John Edward Horne has been named assistant county agent for Conecuh County at Evergreen. Mr. Horne had been with the Federal Land Bank for the past year. Previously he was assistant county agent in Montgomery County for two years. He will work with Conecuh County 4-H Club boys. Mrs. Horne is the former Beverly Sharits, '54.

Mrs. Betty Ann Sellers Mays moved from Washington, Penn., to State College, Penn. Her husband, David Mays, has returned to Pennsylvania State University to work on his master's degree.

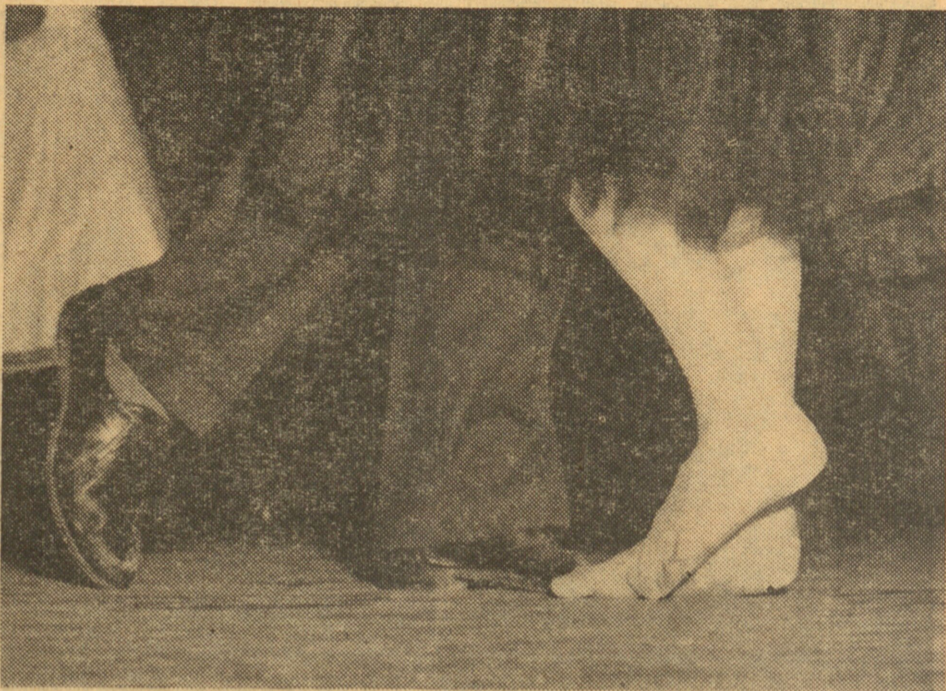
Fred J. Mills, Jr., is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Donald R. Thomas is display manager and interior decorator for Myrick's Furniture Store in Orlando, Fla. Mr. Thomas' advertisements for Baumritter Birchcraft furniture won the store second prize in a national contest sponsored by the manufacturers. He also won \$75 in a Baumritter window display contest early this year. Mr. Thomas received a \$350 prize in a national window display contest conducted by Lane Tables in 1957. Mr. Thomas does all art work and designs advertisements and window displays. Before joining Myrick's, he was a technical illustrator for Lockheed Aircraft and supervisor of technical publications for modification of government aircraft at Hayes Aircraft. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two sons, Donnie 3, and Keith, eight months.

Ajalon A. (Hap) Tillery has been promoted to plant engineer of Unity Plant of Calloway Mills at LaGrange, Ga.

William H. (Bill) Tillery has been promoted to auditor for the Southeast by Shell Oil Co. Mr. and Mrs. Tillery (Mary Ann Austin, '51) and their two children have moved to Cullman, where he is making his headquarters. Mr. Tillery had been in Jacksonville, Fla., for the past two and a half years.

CAMPUS SCENES: Formal Dance, 1957



—Photo by Les King

lery had been in Jacksonville, Fla., for the past two and a half years.

Walter Weatherly, president of the Fort Payne Junior Chamber of Commerce, was named Fort Payne's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year 1956." He received the Jaycees' distinguished service award at the annual banquet in Fort Payne in early February. He was cited for his community contributions.

First Lt. Homer E. Williams, Jr., is stationed at Craig Air Force Base, where he is ground safety officer. Lt. and Mrs. Williams (Mary Anna Fowler, '54) are making their home in Greensboro. Mrs. Williams was former assistant home demonstration agent in Selma.

1953

Born: A son, William Ross, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. William R. McAllister on Dec. 12. Mr. McAllister is employed by Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Pensacola, Fla.

Married: Gretchen McGowan and Alva Leigh Lasitter of Prichard in Auburn Jan. 17. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lasitter are former lieutenants in the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. Lasitter, a nurse, has been on the staff of the Mobile infirmary and Murphy Army Hospital at Waltham, Mass., in addition to service in Korea and Japan. Mr. Lasitter graduated in pharmacy from Auburn. He was a medical supply officer in Korea and Japan and has been a pharmacist in Mobile.

Married: Jane French of Atmore to Charles Norman Madison of Pensacola, Fla., and Atmore in January.

Married: Lucille Bradley of Jasper and Charles Frank Putman in Birmingham Jan. 26.

Married: Nelita Moore of Anniston and James Allen Taylor, Jr., of Huntsville Feb. 16. Mrs. Taylor has been a teacher in Atlanta. Mr. Taylor, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, is a sales representative for Westinghouse at Alexandria, La.

Married: Carol Tillman Butler, '57, and William Warren Watson, Jr., of Rome, Ga., in Atlanta in December. They are making their home in Atlanta, where Mr. Watson is associated with the First National Bank of Atlanta.

Married: Bettye W. Hester and Lt. Gene Glenn Winn of Pleasant Grove

in Senatobia, Miss., March 10. Mrs. Winn is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women. She has been a teacher in Greenville, Miss. Lt. Winn completed two years of engineering at Auburn before entering the Air Force. He is a jet instructor with the 3505th pilot training squadron at the Greenville, Miss., Air Force Base.

Kenneth L. Allums has been released from active duty with the U. S. Army and is now working as a junior engineer with Alabama Power Co. at Birmingham.

Hubert L. Davis has been appointed manager of Lane-Rexall Drug Store No. 1278 in Albany, Ga.

Jo Michaels of Scottsboro has been appointed district director for the Northeast Alabama Girl Scout Area Council, with headquarters at Huntsville. Miss Michaels will coordinate Girl Scout work in Madison, Marshall, Jackson and DeKalb Counties and direct summer camp at Camp Trico near Guntersville. For the past three years she has taught elementary school in Huntsville. Miss Michaels will take a Girl Scout training course for professional workers at Berea, Ky., in early spring, and will also attend the National Girl Scout Camp near Bethesda, Md.

Thomas Alexander Neely received his doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry from Kansas State College at mid-winter commencement in January. Dr. Neely wrote his dissertation on "Synthesis of Alkylated Polycyclic Hydrocarbons: 1. Some Methyl Substituted Triphenylenes." He received his A. B. degree from Centre College and earned a master's degree from Auburn in 1953.

Lt. (jg) Eugene H. Parker, Pleasant Grove, was honored in January as the outstanding single engineer attack plane student graduating from the Naval Air Advanced Training Command in 1956. After attending Auburn for one year, Lt. Parker graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1954. He took his advanced training at Cabiniss Field in Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1956. Lt. Parker is now stationed at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., where he is a flight tactics instructor for basic students in flight training.

Mrs. Nell Scarborough Pitts is a member of the program committee of



CLIMAX of 1957 Greek Week was the return of Woody Herman and his Third Herd Band for the Interfraternity Council Ball. Herman (standing at right) played for last year's Greek Week Ball, "Progress through United Effort," was the theme of the week's activities in February.

the API Pharmacy Wives Club. Her husband, T. O. Pitts, is a sophomore in the School of Pharmacy. Mrs. Pitts is a native of Eufaula.

Dwight Spearman of Red Bay has been released from the Air Force. He has been named assistant county agent for Madison County at Huntsville. Mr. Spearman is in charge of boys' 4-H Club Work.

1954

Born: A daughter, Martha Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Aiton (Tony) Wood, Jr., (Becky D'Arcy, '58) of Atlanta Feb. 28.

Married: Marilyn Anna Calloway of Montgomery and Paul Adams in February. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are making their home in Midway.

Married: Frances Gay Holland and Frank Martin Shaver of Montgomery in Panama City, Fla., Feb. 23.

Carolyn Adams is an assistant dietitian at Magnolia Hall Cafeteria in Auburn.

Herman Grady Barnes is an associate in the firm of J. H. Smith, Architect, in Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Baskerville, Jr., (Sara Jo Cooke, '57) are living in Birmingham, after serving two years in the U. S. Army. They have one son, Victor, 1½.

First Lt. Robert W. Beers is air traffic control officer at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He attended CAA Air Traffic Control School in Oklahoma City, Okla., before he was assigned to Fort Huachuca. Lt. Beers is married to the former Mildred Elizabeth Behnke of Pittman, N. J.

Carl Donald Carmichael is an instructor in the U. S. Air Force in Cheyenne, Wyo. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael have one daughter, Jo Margaret.

First Lt. Oscar C. Caylor has been assigned to the 8202nd Army Unit of the Korean Military Advisory Group in Seoul. He is an aviator in the group's Detachment R.

Edward W. Crabtree, Jr., has been released from active duty with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is employed as a construction engineer with the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Guntersville.

Marion J. (Jackie) Creel has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant at Maxwell Air Force Base. Lt. Creel is assigned to the Air University Book Store in the office of the Air University secretary. He was an Auburn track and field star in 1951-53, setting the school record of 20.8 seconds for the 220-yard dash. He also tied the school record for the 100-yard dash. Lt. Creel has been assistant coach of a boys' Midget League football team at Maxwell. Lt. and Mrs. Creel have an 18-month-old daughter.

Walter D. Hutto, Jr., has been discharged from the Army after spending 18 months in Germany in the Armored Cavalry. He is employed by General Motors in the Indianapolis (Ind.) Allison Division plant.

David Irvine has completed his Army tour of duty in Germany. He is now enrolled as a graduate student in education at Auburn.

E. George Merritt has been discharged from the Army. He is employed by Goodyear Service Store in Columbia, Tenn., as a budget salesman.

Lt. Arthur D. Moore, Jr., is a navigator bombardier on B-47s at Lake Charles, La.

Dr. Robert H. Mount, former veterinarian in Albany, Ga., has entered the Army. He is serving as a second lieutenant with the 714th Medical Company at Fort Stewart, Ga.

1955

Born: A daughter, Karen Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Clenney, Jr., (Sherry Howell, '56) Nov. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Clenney live at Statesville, N. C.

Born: A son, Kenneth Edwin, to Lt. and Mrs. Edwin Ray Goodgame (Judith Van Sciver, '58) of Fort Gordon, Ga., in Augusta Feb. 14. Lt. Goodgame is serving with the 366th Signal Battalion. Before entering the Army in the fall, he was employed by the Texas Co. as an engineer at Port Arthur, Tex.

Married: Patricia Ann Randall and Jimmy Keith Baggett in Birmingham March 9. Mr. and Mrs. Baggett are living in Birmingham.

Married: Martha P. Borden, '56, of Marietta, Ga., and Lt. (jg) Ira L. Burley in Marietta Jan. 26. Lt. Burley is stationed with the Navy in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Janet Waite Crawford teaches the first grade at Madison Cross Roads School at Toney. Her husband, the Rev. W. J. Crawford, is a Baptist minister. They live on Route 5, Huntsville.

D. Bruce Edwards is quality control

director of Foremost Dairies in Sylacauga. Mrs. Thelma Vick Edwards, '54, is a third grade teacher in Sylacauga City Schools.

Lt. Oliver H. Hamrick, Jr., is a member of the student officer squadron at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

James L. Hazen is employed by Allison Division of G.M.C. in Indianapolis, Ind. He has been testing the 501 D-13 and T-56 turbo-prop engines. The T-56 powers the Air Force's transport, C-130, and the 501 D-13 is a commercial version that will power the Lockheed Electra airliner. Mr. Hazen has also been working on a new model J-33 turbojet. This engine, which will go into a new Navy training plane, has more thrust than most J-35 engines with afterburner.

Dorothy Holley teaches vocational education at Lee High School in Montgomery.

Sam B. Jones, Jr., has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army. He is serving with Company B, 510th Tank Battalion in Mannheim, Germany. Mrs. Carleen Arrington Jones, '54, is in Mannheim with him.

Robert E. Lowder is employed by Vitro Corp. of America at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Mrs. Mary Jo Cochran McLaurine is a teacher at Smith's Station in Lee County. Her husband, George M. McLaurine, is a senior in civil engineering at API. They live in Auburn.

Lt. Morris G. Merkle has been graduated from motor officers course at the Army's European Ordnance School in Fuessen, Germany. He is gun platoon leader in Battery A of the 868th Field Artillery Battalion.

Lt. Gordon A. Mummert has been transferred to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, where he is serving with the 3501st unit. Mrs. Mummert is the former Mary Kay Schmidt, '56.

Raymond Narmore is completing his two-year training program with Ralston-Purina Co. at the Check-R-Board Feed Store in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Narmore (Jean Gauntt, '46) have two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy A. Neighbors (Alice Joyce Kerr, '54) are living in Huntsville. Both are employed at Redstone Arsenal.

Lt. Hugh P. Nicholson is serving as chief of the security division, Rhine Engineer Depot, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Jane Porter of Lexington has completed training in medical technology at Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield. She has been presented her certification as a medical technologist and is now working as a technologist at Lloyd Noland.

John V. (Jack) Skinner, Jr., was graduated from Navy Officers Candidate School at Newport, R. I., recently. Ens. Skinner is now serving at the Naval Base at Jacksonville, Fla.

Robert I. Stinson is employed by the Tractor and Implement Division of Ford Motor Co. as territory manager of the Des Moines, Iowa, sales district. He lives in Sumner, Iowa.

Lt. Joseph A. Stone, Jr., is a tank-platoon leader in Company D of the Second Armored Division's 76th Tank Battalion. He has recently arrived in Germany.

Lt. Jack W. Summerford is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

Lt. Ben S. Tabor is serving with the 229th Signal Co. at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Lt. E. Kirk Taylor, Jr., is serving with Co. C, First Tank Battalion, First Armored Division, Fort Polk, La.

Lt. Thomas J. Taylor, III, is assigned to the 756th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Finland, Minn.

Sp-3 William E. Thomas is serving with the 23rd Infantry Regiment, APO 949, Seattle, Wash.

Ens. Patrick H. Thompson is assigned to the Naval Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Pvt. Carl Todd has volunteered for a six-month tour of active duty under the Reserve Forces Act. After completing his training at Fort Dix, N. J., he will be permitted to complete his military obligation in an Army Reserve or National Guard unit. Before entering service, Pvt. Todd was employed by General Electric.

Specialist Third Class Hollis E. Todd is troop information and education non-commissioned officer for the Sixth Tank Battalion in Korea. Mr. Todd was employed by the Diamond Alkali Co. in Sheffield before entering service. He plans to continue his education toward a master's degree when he completes his Army tour of duty.

Robert H. Tweedy III is serving at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.



SIX CANDLES burn on the cake which is inscribed "Happy Anniversary, Shug." The athletic staff celebrated Coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan's sixth anniversary as Auburn football coach, with a surprise party for him in February. Athletic Director and Mrs. Jeff Beard and Coach and Mrs. Jordan stand behind the cake (left to right). In the background are Coach Vince Dooley, '54, Mrs. Carolyn Young, '48, Mrs. Leah Marie Rawls Atkins, '57, Coach George Atkins, '54, Mrs. Ann Bailey Beckwith, '52, Mrs. Mary Claire Senn, Coach Wilbur Hutsell and Mrs. Hal Herring.

Mrs. Carolyn Carey Tweedy and her husband live in North Las Vegas.

Jack H. Vardaman, MS, is principal of High School in Tusculum. He was a former assistant to the principal at Johnson Junior High School in Anni-ton.

Mrs. Avis Goodson Walker is a school teacher at Smith's Station in Lee County.

Dr. William E. Walker is practicing veterinary medicine in DeLand, Fla.

Robert E. Wallace is on the technical staff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories at Whippany, N. J. He is working in the field of electronic switching circuit design.

Lt. Francis S. Wallner is serving with the 3337th STORON at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

First Lt. Hugh G. Ward is serving with the 59th Veterinary Inspection Flight, USAFE, Army Post Office 125, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Dorothy Boyd Ware, MS '55, teaches school at Beulah in Lee County. John G. Warmath is now enrolled in Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Byrd Whigham is coach and teacher at Louisville High School.

Lt. James Herbert (Herb) White is serving in the Army at Fort Belvoir, Va. Lt. and Mrs. White (Freda Steele, '55) live in Alexandria, Va.

Ens. William T. White has been graduated from Naval OCS at Newport, R. I.

Luther B. Whitehead, Jr., is employed by Blount Brothers Construction Co. of Montgomery. He is working on a project in the Washington, D. C., area and is temporarily living in Chevy Chase, Md.

Wayne W. Wilson has been promoted to lieutenant, junior grade. He is stationed at Charleston, S. C., Naval Shipyard. Mrs. Wilson is the former Julie Trammell, '58.

Lt. Robert D. Word, Jr., is serving with C Battery of the 31st Field Artillery Battalion, APO 7, San Francisco, Calif.

First Lt. Charles S. Yarbrough has been presented a management-improvement award at the Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. He was recognized for designing a new type respirator system for use in fuel cells. He is an Air Force veterinarian.

1956

Born: A daughter, Linda Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Anderson of Andalusia Feb. 6. Mr. Anderson is in charge of production control at Anderson Peanut Co. in Andalusia.

Born: A daughter, Lori Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Parrish of Melbourne, Fla., Dec. 13. Mr. Parrish was promoted to planning engineer in the office of the vice president at Radiation, Inc., at Melbourne in February.

Married: Jean Dudley and John Paul Ilges, III, in Columbus, Ga., March 9. Mrs. Ilges has been employed in New York City. Mr. Ilges received his B. S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in February.

Married: Patricia Anne Green and

William Robert Knox in Birmingham in February.

Married: Carolyn Martin and Dr. Hubert Eugene McKinney of Birmingham in Opelika Feb. 9. Dr. McKinney is employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a veterinarian in Atlanta.

Married: Elizabeth Warren and Owen Herbert Pearce, '57, of Birmingham in Jackson, Ala., Dec. 21. They are at home in Auburn, while Mr. Pearce completes his senior year at API.

Married: Mary Ann McKibbin and Billy Clifton Peters of Ozark in Fairhope Jan. 5.

Married: Eva Claire Armstrong and Douglas E. Rigney, '58, in Millry Dec. 16. They are making their home in Auburn, where he is a student in agriculture.

Married: Betty Zane Givhan of Safford and Lt. Charles Albert Saderholm at the Redstone Arsenal post chapel Dec. 16. Mrs. Saderholm has been employed in the transportation office of Redstone Arsenal. Lt. Saderholm, a graduate of Cornell University, is assigned to the Field Service Division at Redstone.

Married: Lucy Ann Roy and Francis Martin Sibley, '57, of Decatur, Ga., in Auburn Dec. 16. They are making their home in Auburn, where Mrs. Sibley holds a graduate teaching assistantship in home economics. Mr. Sibley is majoring in music and is business manager of the Auburn Knights.

Married: Betty Ann Nordan and William Milton Teem, III, of Atlanta in Andalusia Feb. 3. Lt. Teem is serving in the U. S. Army.

Married: Cornelia Mable Collins and Lt. James Hunter Thorington of Bess-mer in Birmingham Dec. 27. Lt. Thorington is serving in the U. S. Air Force

at Houston, Tex., where they are at home.

Married: Ellen Sherwood Peniston, '59, and Joe Thomas Thurman of Talladega in Atlanta Dec. 17. They are making their home in Charlotte, N. C., where Mr. Thurman is employed as an artist by Delmar Studios.

Married: Nadine Patterson and Lt. Charles U. Totty, Jr., in East Tallassee Feb. 10. Lt. and Mrs. Totty are living in Colorado Springs, Colo., while he is on an Army assignment at Fort Carson. Lt. Totty recently was graduated from the field artillery officers school at Fort Sill, Okla.

Married: Jimmie Inez Harris of Opelika and Lester Harold Trotter, '57, of Selma in Shady Grove Dec. 16. Mrs. Trotter has been a teacher in the Muscogee County schools. Mr. Trotter is a senior in agriculture at Auburn.

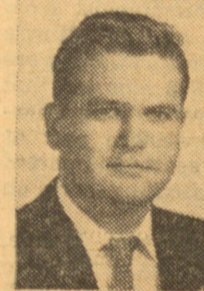
Married: Jacquelyn Hines and Millard Howell Tubbs in Birmingham March 9. Mrs. Tubbs has been an assistant dietitian at Lloyd Noland Hospital at Fairfield. Mr. Tubbs is a salesman with Air Engineers, Inc., in Birmingham. Mr. Tubbs was quarterback for the 1956 Auburn Tigers and played varsity football and baseball.

Married: Betsy Ann Bean and James Gordon Varner in Ensley March 15.

Married: Charlotte Wilkinson of Roanoke and Lt. Harry Clifford Jackson, II, U. S. Naval Reserve, in the chapel of the U. S. Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lt. Jackson is a graduate of Louisville Medical School and is a native of Louisville, Ky.

Lowell Milton Carter is a partner with his father, Milton C. Carter, in farming at Route 1, Troy. Their farm produces peanuts, cotton and corn and they raise hogs and cattle.

Mary Lois Carter is a dietitian for the Women's Dining Hall at API. She is also a graduate student in home economics at Auburn for 1956-57. Miss Carter is the twin sister of Lowell Milton Carter, '56.



W. R. Carter



Lois Carter

Warner Ray Carter is employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Birmingham. Mrs. Carter is the former Julya Ann Fincher.

Ens. Norton Erwin Cater is serving aboard the USS Rail which is stationed at the U. S. Naval Station, Coco Solo, Canal Zone.

1960

Died: Thomas Hugh Friel, Jr., 20-year-old freshman in electrical engineering, in an automobile accident near Opelika Feb. 9. He was a native of Opelika, but had lived in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., for several years. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Friel and one sister, Fort Walton Beach; and his grandmother, Mrs. Ercel Thomas Friel, Auburn.

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Mimi Simms, '46, is Alumnews editor. Other staff members are Bill

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API furnishes leadership to combat

Imported Fire Ants In Alabama

By Joyce McAteer Buis
API Extension Service

Biggest battle in Alabama agriculture's long-standing war with imported fire ants was started on Ag Hill recently.

Now, API Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service people, officials of the State Department of Agriculture, and farmer organizations have enlisted in the fight to get fire ants out of fields, pastures, and yards, and off landowners' backs.

Imported fire ants were first reported by Alabama farmers in 1930. Believed to have entered the United States at the Port of Mobile around 1925, the insects were recognized as an economic pest 10 years later. Since that time, research by the API Experiment Station and by the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been conducted to find how the ants can best be combatted.

For years the fighting front was a fairly quiet one, broken only by brief flashes of excitement when the stinging ants moved into new areas of the state. Then, last winter, the mounting force of the insects' ever-increasing numbers pushed them squarely into the sights of API folks who make war on farmers' enemies.

Revealed by the continuing battle against imported fire ants is the story of how the land-grant college at Auburn uses its investigative and educational facilities to help Alabamians solve any problem that threatens the state's farm economy.

Harold Yates, '31, assistant superintendent of the Experiment Station's Fairhope substation, and Dr. Marion R. Smith, a roving entomologist from the U. S. Department of Agriculture's division of insect identification, were the sentinels who in 1935 reported that the insect invaders were doing damage to crops in southwestern part of the state. These men spotted imported fire ants destroying seedling corn on the substation.

Fairhope is not far from Mobile, where the ants are thought to have been brought in by boat from South America a decade earlier. As yet, the mound-building insects with the vicious sting were unknown in other parts of the state.

Spread into Baldwin

BUT IMPORTED fire ants swarm each spring and establish new colonies; and, although they can fly only short distances on their own power, by 1937 they had moved westward into Mississippi and throughout Baldwin County to the east.

Farmers in this Gulf Coast county raised an immediate outcry, for Irish potatoes, one of their chief crops, were harvested by hand and the militant fire ants made it impossible to get workers to go into potato fields.

Their protests were heard in the

Alumni Visitors Listed

A NUMBER of visitors to the API campus registered with the Auburn Alumni Association headquarters in the Union Building during February.

Those signing the Alumni Association guest book included:

C. Winston Cooper, '08, Dothan; Dr. B. T. Simms, '11, Arlington, Va.; Clyde C. Pearson, '26, Montgomery; W. C. (Red) Sugg, '31, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Terry S. Mosley, '37, Atlanta; Mrs. June S. Galt Morton, '38, Montgomery; John M. (Jack) Morton, '39, Montgomery; Judy Morton, Montgomery; Kenneth MacGregor, '39, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Fred C. Hopton-Jones, '43, Fort Worth, Tex.; Frank W. Hawthorne, '46, Montgomery; Dr. James E. Williams, '46, Hyattsville, Md.; Robert W. Adams, '47, Atlanta; M. S. Huggins, '49, Auburn.

Joseph A. Burkhardt, '51, Houston, Tex.; Thomas K. Parks, '51, Vienna, Va.; W. O. Brown, '52, Houston, Tex.; B. N. Russell, '53, Conroe, Tex.; John C. Clenney, Jr., '55, Statesville, N. C.; Richard P. (Dick) Reese, '55, Fort Benning, Ga.; S. G. Dykes, '56, Birmingham; John F. Hamilton, Jr., '56, Auburn; K. C. Steel, II, '56, Mobile.

Dr. H. S. Bryan, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Dr. C. H. Pals, Washington, D. C., visitors.



THIS MOUND is typical of the hills built by Imported fire ants, which are now creating a serious economic problem in Alabama. This hill is in Lee County, one of more than 40 in the state which are infested with the ants. API Experiment Station research workers and Extension Service specialists are teaming up with various farmers organizations to combat the ants. (Photo by R. E. (Gene) Stevenson, '51)

county seat, the state capital, and as far away as Washington, D.C. In answer, the Commissioners Court of Baldwin County, the State Department of Agriculture and Industries, the API Extension Service, and the federal government's Works Progress Administration organized a cooperative control program using calcium cyanide dust for individual mound treatment.

The county furnished the insecticide; WPA provided the labor; the Department of Agriculture sent a field supervisor; and the Extension Service provided technical information and assisted in mapping out areas to be treated.

Extension Entomologist W. A. Ruffin, '23, who was in on the 1937 campaign and is still one of the leaders in API's war on imported fire ants, believes that those first control efforts delayed the big surge in the insect's population for several years.

At any rate, there were no new skirmishes for some time. Ruffin recalls that fire ant mounds were seen occasionally throughout the 1940's in and around the Southwest corner of the state. New, large infestations did not develop until late in the decade. During those years Ruffin and county Extension workers gave demonstrations to farmers in areas where imported fire ants were found, using calcium cyanide for individual mound treatment.

Painful sting

ABOUT 1949 entomologists at Auburn began to hear complaints that fire ants mounds in the heavier-type soils were interfering with the operation of farm machines, which at that time were rapidly becoming more numerous in the state.

Farmers had learned that the insects would damage crop stands by carrying off small seed and eating the germs out of larger ones. It also became obvious that livestock feared the ant's painful sting as much as did farm laborers; grazing cattle soon learned to avoid fire ant mounds in pastures.

This last problem, along with the barriers to machine operations thrown up by the mounds, caused great concern when imported fire ants moved northward into the Black Belt about 1950. This area is primarily cattle country and has some of the state's heaviest soils.

Research on the control of imported fire ants was first conducted in 1943 by the Experiment Station at the Atmore Prison Farm and at the Fairhope substation. Dr. F. S. Arant, '26, now head of the API zoology-entomology department, initiated this research. With Dr. W. G. Eden, '40, Station entomologist, Dr. Arant conducted experiments using a number of poisons for mound and area treatments.

Among the insecticides they tried were toxaphene, DDT, benzene hexachloride, aldrin, and chlordane. The last is still one of the recommended materials for control of fire ants.

An important discovery made by the Experiment Station at this time was that broadcast application of an insecticide gave better control of imported fire ants than did individual mound treatment. Dr. Arant and Dr. Eden found that a broadcast treatment with chlordane controlled the insects several months on an area at Atmore.

Further research by the Experiment Station was to lead to the knowledge that broadcast treatment of an entire field is the most effective way to get rid of the pests and that such treatment will give control for three years or more.

Government joins fight

BEGINNING in 1950, API Experiment Station entomologists collaborated with USDA researchers sent to Spring Hill to work on the problem. The federal workers also used Experiment Station facilities in making their study.

When the USDA research project was near completion in 1953, API accelerated its research, seeking new and better weapons to use against fire ants. George H. Blake, Jr., '47, now associate entomologist, was in charge of the new work, this time at the substation near Marion Junction in the heart of the Black Belt. This was the first time imported fire ants had been bad enough outside the Gulf Coast area to warrant a special project.

Working with Blake were Dr. Eden, the late Wilbur B. Kelley, '37, substation superintendent, and L. A. Smith, '42, who was then Kelley's assistant and who succeeded him as superintendent.

This team made important additional discoveries on fire ant control. As a result of their experiments, dieldrin and heptachlor were listed with chlordane as highly effective insecticides and broadcast treatment became the recommended method for going after imported fire ants. This team also found that the insecticide could be applied in fertilizer, saving the cost of a separate treatment.

Farmers informed

WITH NEW knowledge of the insect invader and how to combat him, API staff members went all out to carry the word to the man on whom the outcome of the fight depended—the landowner. It was he who had to take the steps necessary to rid his fields and pastures of the ants.

County agents gave demonstrations, made talks, and wrote letters to farmers on control methods for imported fire ants. Though the Experiment Station and Extension Service editorial offices, entomologists of both divisions

released research data showing how the ants could be fought.

This publicity acquainting farm people with the problem is one of the factors which probably led to the recent explosion of the fire ant situation. Most important is, of course, the build-up of insect numbers to the point where they cause widespread concern throughout the state. Also, API entomologists theorize that a contributing factor may have been the dry weather of recent years.

In any event, 1956 brought alarms from nearly every section of the state. Imported fire ants had made their way into more than 40 of Alabama's 67 counties and into at least nine other southern states.

As more of their members were affected, farmer organizations joined in the cry for fire ant control. The Farm Bureau and the Alabama Cattlemen's Association were both quick to organize campaigns aimed at getting farmers to start control measures. They also asked state and federal aid for landowners in the fight against fire ants.

Poison with fertilizer

ONE KIND of financial backing came about through the intervention of the Montgomery County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. This group, made up of farmers in the area where imported fire ant infestations are most serious, called a meeting last December to consider the problem. They invited Entomologist Ruffin to meet with them and explain how fire ant poisons can be applied in fertilizer.

The Montgomery County committee then made a recommendation to the State ASC, which passed the word along to the national committee. As a result, the national ASC committee re-established a pasture improvement practice under which the federal government shares the cost of fertilizing pasture land. Farmers who want to broadcast imported fire ant poisons along with fertilizer can therefore get half the cost of double operation.

There were some top-echelon conferences in Auburn, too. Experiment Station and Extension Service officials met several times to plan how they could best conduct research on fire ant control methods and carry their findings to the farmers.

The first of these meetings, Jan. 4, included Dr. E. V. Smith, '28, dean of the API School of Agriculture and Experiment Station director, P. O. Davis, '16, director of the Extension Service, and members of their staffs.

Out of this and subsequent conferences came plans for a cooperative circular on imported fire ants, authored by Blake and Ruffin and published by the Extension Service in February.



The officials also moved to step up current research projects and to conduct experiments on control of the insects in new areas of the state and on different types of soil.

The Farm Bureau requested a meeting to discuss the subject later in January; API set it up and invited the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the State Department of Agriculture and Industries to send representatives. Current cooperative efforts of all these groups make the future look none-too-bright for imported fire ants in Alabama.

At present Assistant Entomologist Kirby L. Hays, '48, of the Experiment Station is taking over the direction of fire ant control research. In recent months, a concentrated educational program has been carried on by API. Most newspapers and farm publications as well as radio and television stations in the state have cooperated in the effort to disseminate information about the ants.

And farmer organizations and county agents have all the research findings of the land-grant college at their disposal in pushing the campaign to control imported fire ants in Alabama.